Treasury Department
April 27. 1838.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 25th. instant which with the sketch of the Bill ~~that~~ to accompanied it has been submitted, agreeable to your request, to the Chairman of the Committee of Finance of the Senate

I remain very Respy
Your Obed. Servt
Levi Woodbury
Sec. of the Treasy.

Dr. R.M. Patterson
Director of the Mint.

New York 26 Apl 185

A M Patterson Esq
Phil.a

Sir

Having occasion for a considerable amount in Quarters. We should be glad to know if it would suit you to give us this description of Coin in Exchange for Gold or Silver - & if we should forward the latter for coinage, what delay, if any would take place -

We are respectfully

F M Edwards & Co

May $40000

Tuesday April 24. 1838.

R. M. Pallen Esq
Dear Sir.

Having contracted for the supply of a considerable number of Banks in New York, Pennsylvania with cents. we write to request you to forward the amount of our last bill $5.644 80/100 to Messrs A. & J. Willetts - of New York. as soon as practicable - We have also to request you to send them the same by the Canal Line for the sake of the despatch we will pay the difference in the expense if required.

We shall ship in a day or two the 5 tons planchets + We have still on hand 10 Tons in addition which we hope you will authorize us to ship, as the demand for cents cannot be expected to continue to the same extent, many months longer —

Very Respectfully
Your obt Servts
Crocker & Brother

Mint of the United States.
April 24, 1838.

Dear Sir,

You sent us, on ~~Tuesday~~ Thursday, 20,000 Five-Franc pieces, to be coined into dimes and half dimes; and the coining is now going forward. You spoke, I think, of a much larger sum; and if it is still your intention to send us more, it would be a great advantage in our practice, that they should be sent immediately, so that they may be melted down with the clippings, which we have on ~~hand~~ hand, of silver of the same quality. Please to let me know your determination in this matter, that we may make our arrangements accordingly.

Very respectfully,
And truly yours
R. M. Patterson.

To N. Biddle, Esq.
Pres't Bank U. S.

Post Office
Richmond, Va. 28th Oct. 38

Sir,

I am sorry to trouble you again; but I am in want, for the use of my office, of 2 Kegs of Cents or Coppers, of $100. each, and one hundred Dollars in half Dimes. Which I must ask the favor of you to ship to me. As a preliminary, please inform me how I am to send the Amount $300 to you? I can send the Check of the Farmers Bank on the Bank of Pennsylvania for the Amount in Currency that will be necessary to procure $300 in Specie - and, if such a check will answer, please inform me how much it must be for. Or I presume your draft on me for the Amount will be taken by that Bank. Any Mode you please to have the remittance made will be adopted. If there be no better one, I must ask some friend, going on to take $300 to you in Gold.

The use of Shin plasters by our Citizens has banished even the Cents. But, if I can get the supply now asked for, I think there will be no further need of troubling you again soon. By a late law, Shin plasters will be put down in a few weeks: and, I trust that, after the Small Channels of Circulation are filled up with Small Notes, redeemable in Specie, there will be no deficiency about Change. I expect Our Banks to begin the issue of these Notes on tomorrow. It is the first step they take towards Resumption.

Repeating my regret for being obliged to trouble you on this subject, I must request you to be kind enough to inform me whether you can comply with my request.

I am, very respectfully,
Your Obt. Servt
C. P. Goode P. M.

Dr Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Mint U. S.
April 14 1798

Dear Sir,

The Specimens sent by you in Mr Ewing's letter are among the most common of those brought to the Mint as precious ores, and which serve to confirm the adage that "all is not gold that glisters". The larger fragments are of iron pyrites, the small scales are of yellow mica, and both are quite worthless.

With my best regards
Most truly yours
R. M. P.

Jr

Hon. Jno. Sergeant.

New York 5th May 1838

R. M. Patterson Esq
Phila

Sir

The difficulty of obtaining specie
silver until now prevented us from sending to the mint
the remaining $200,000 to be coined into dimes and quarters
in conformity with the conversation the writer had with you in
Phila in reference to the small coins supposed to have been
engaged for us by Mr Maclaurin.

We have now obtained sufficient in specie for this object and
intend sending to you as soon as we receive your reply to this.
When the matter was in Phila you agreed to supply $50,000
in small coins on the first delivery of $100,000 & $100,000
in 90 days, with you to have the option on by returning said
if the $50,000 and $100,000 - if there was a deficiency of
the remaining 250,000 and to be in 90 days - If you
can procure the present amount it would be a great
convenience to the Mechanical Bank for whom
we act - Awaiting your reply

We remain
very Respectfully Your Obt Servts
Prest Secretary & Treasr

Office of CHRISTMAS, LIVINGSTON, PRIME & COSTER, 42 Wall-street,

NEW YORK, 183

BANKS.	OFFERED.	ASKED.
United States		
N. O. Canal & B'g Co		
" " Mech's & Traders'		
" " Commercial		
" " City		
" " Gas		
Planters' of Tennessee		
Do. of Mississippi		
Vicksburg of do		
Manchester do		
Bank of Kentucky		
Illinois State Bank		
Del. & Hudson Canal Co.		
Morris Canal Co.		
American Life and Trust Co.		
Ohio do. do.		
Southern do do.		
Farmers Loan do.		

RAIL ROADS.	OFFERED.	ASKED.
Boston & Providence		
Boston & Worcester		
Exchange on London		
" on Paris		
" on Amsterdam		
SPECIE.		
Spanish Dollars		
Mexican do		
American ½ do		
" Gold		
Sovereigns		
Doubloons Royal		
" Patriot		
STOCKS.		
N. York State 5s, 1845		
" " " 6s, 1845		
" " " 5s, 1846 a 1850		
Ohio 6s, 1850		
" 6s, 1857		
N. York City 5s		

Washington, April 12. 1838.

Dear Sir,

If it be not too much trouble, please cause the specimen in Mr. Ewing's letter to be tested, and let me know the result.

Yr. truly

John Sergeant.

Doctor Patterson

Director of the Mint.

New York April 11th 1835

R M Patterson Esq
Director of Mint of the U States
Philadelphia

Sir

We beg leave take the liberty of forwarding to your address by our mutual friend Williams & Crocker Esqrs of Trenton a Small Bag Containing three parcels of Gold Dust ~~&c~~ which we wish you to have assayed & Coined as hereafter It is one Lot and there need be no Seperation of the 3 parcels in the assay

Should Mr Crocker stop a day or two in your city and you have an opportunity of returning us the Amount by him in Gold Coin it will confer a favour on us

We beg to thank you for the assistance and dispatch which you gave our Agent Capt Bachman in Paby last and Remain

Very Respectfully
Yr Obt Servts
Eggleston & Battelle

Bag sealed
& directed
"R M Patterson Esq"
"Director of Mint of U States"
"Care Wm & Crocker Esq"
"Phila"

Mint U. S.
April 7th, 1838

Sir,

I received this morning your letter of the 5th inst, and regret to be under the necessity of returning you the Hundred & fifty dollars which you enclosed for a lot of cents, as we are not authorized, ~~in the present situation of the Branch~~ to give them out for any thing but gold and silver so long as the Banks refuse to redeem their notes with

Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
R. M. Patterson
Dir

John Hunter Esq
Hartford, Conn

Wexford Jan, Apl 5. 1838—

Sir,

One Hundred & fifty Dollars in Gold, which please forward in Copper Coin.

Obdt. Ser.t Yours

Edwd Ormsted

To

R.M. Patterson Esq.

Mint

Mint of the United States,
April 5th, 1838.

Sir,

The amount of Gold remaining uncoined at the Mint, on the 28th of February, 1838, was — — — — $45.020.

Deposites in march

Bullion of the United States, — $20.067.
Foreign Bullion — — — 95.276.
Foreign Coins — — — — 40.607.
Coins of the United States former Stan[d]. 2.410. — 158.360.—
$ 203.380.—
Coinage in March, in quarter Eagles, — 36.840.—
Remaining uncoined, March 31st, 1838, — $166.540.—

very respectfully,
Your faithful Servant
R M P
Director

To Hon. Levi. Woodbury,
Secretary of Treasury.

Robt Patterson Esqr Director of the Mint of the United States

Dr

1836
December 13 To Cash paid for the Bust & Portrait as per account rendered francs 3061.15

1837
June 20th To Cash paid Mr Delamie for the Instruments for Philadelphia Mint 829.10
" paid Expenses of Instruments 50.16

December 5th paid Mr Delamie as per his Bill forwarded for the different Mints
for Non Delivery 3077.6
for Mint at Dahlonega 1248.
for Mint at Charlotte 1248.
paid Stamp Duty on Bill £1900 0 0
paid Sundry Postages on Letters
to from Mint 24.12
paid Cabriolet hire 16.19

December 8 paid Mr Torrente the Expenses of Instruments to Havre 87.10

Commission of 5 per cent on 11650 francs Net 582.10

francs 12231.18

Cr

1836
October 21 By Bill of Exchange £2000 —
1837
January 21 By ditto ditto 10,000 14000 — —

Balance not Received francs 1768 — 2 —
Errors Excepted 11 December 1837

My dear Sir, Paris 17th December 1836

By the account current herein annexed you will perceive that of the various sums remitted and deposited there remained on hand yet due to the allotments of the United States, the sum of Seventeen hundred and Sixty Eight pounds and two sous of France which I shall instruct my Son to pay over to you shortly probably by the Sailing of the next packet from here to New York - as the remittances have perhaps been debited on the Books of the Agent, you will please advise me of the arrival of the four cases of Instruments sent by the Formosa, saying at same time that the Money remitted, had been accounted for, and the transaction fairly closed - this will be formal, as in the case of change your Successor will have no knowledge of the transaction, but such as is afforded by the Books of the Institution. I have yet had no official advices of the arrival of the Cases but by the Packet shortly due that will be arrived in due time I remain Your obedient Servant Samuel [illegible]

Equation & Settlement of the account of Samuel J. Fisher of Paris with Bradley, Treasurer of the U.S. Mint, through Robert M. Patterson (Director of the Mint, Philadelphia)

July 21, 1836. By Cash for the Treasurer of the U.S. Mint ... Dr. francs 4000.

Samuel J. Fisher

in his favour of this date ... 5500.

April 27, 1837. To that of ... for ... 1500

francs. of this date ... 4000.

Dec 13 1836 By cash for the Treasurer of the U.S. Mint ... Cr. francs 30611.15

June 20 1837 Exchange of transportation ... 52.9.10

Commission of 1/2 per cent on the above ... 50.16

196.11

41335.15

Because the 10 Francs Pieces received by Joseph G. Fisher, at the market price of 5.35 francs per dollar, are worth $ 2592.6

April 5, 1838 Received of Dr. M. M. Patterson, Director of the Mint, Philadelphia, Twenty five hundred dollars in full of the above account and letter enclosed.

Fr. 5500-0

Equation & Settlement of the accounts of Samuel J. Fisher of Paris, with William Findlay, Treasurer of the U.S. Mint, through Robert M. Patterson, Director
(See account and letter inclosed.)

Samuel J. Fisher Dr.

July 21. 1836. To Bill of Exchange drawn in his favour, of this date	}	Francs 4000.-
April 27, 1837. To part of a bill of Ex. for 10,000 francs, of this date	}	1500
		5500.-

Cr.

		Fr. cms
Dec 13. 1836. By Cash for the tour-à-portrait		3061-15
June 20. 1837 " " pd Mr. Delavil		829-10
" " Expe of transportation		50-16
Commission of 3 per cent on the above		196-17
		4135-18
Balance due Wm Findlay Treas. Mint, refunded herewith by Joseph C. Fisher, at the market price of 5 25/100 francs per dollar, viz: $259.26		1361-2
		Fr 5500-0

Am. April 3. 1838 Recd of Dr. R.M. Patterson, Director, 259 dolls. 26 cents as above. Wm Findlay

Mint of the U.S.

May 30th, 1838.

Sir

In answer to the inquiry made in your letter of the 28th inst., I have the honor to state, that since the suspension of specie payments by the Banks in May last, all the moneys of the Mint, whether coins made in our own operations or funds furnished by the government, have been kept in the vaults of the Mint, and that there vaults are ample and secure. We have still remaining, however, a balance of $19,122.49 in the Girard Bank, and a balance of $5,360.21 in the Mechanics' Bank.

R. M. Patterson
Director

To
Hon. Levi Woodbury,
Sec. of Treasury.

Phenix Bank
New York 26 May 1st 54

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director &c
Mint —

Dear Sir

Allow me to introduce my brother
Mr. A. B. Ogden who visits Philadelphia for the
first time & is anxious to see the operations of the
Mint. As his time will be very limited & he
may reach your city later than your regulations
admit strangers, may I ask the favor of you
to allow him to visit such parts of the establishment
as may be convenient —

Respectfully Yours
A. B. Ogden

I forwarded some days since Ten Thousand Dollars
to be coined into Quarter Dollars. Please inform Mr. O. when
they will probably be ready as we are quite out of that
denomination of coin —

Commissary Genl's Office,
Philad.a May 26th 1838.

Dear Sir,

I received last evening your favor of the 25th, and at the same time a letter addressed to you by the Secretary of the Treasury, for my perusal, for which I thank you, and now return herewith - On Monday evening I shall be compelled to use the draft in my favor on the Mint, of which I apprize you & did myself the pleasure to wait upon you -

Very respectfully & truly Yours
R. Brune.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philad.a

Commissary Genls. Office,
Philad. May 26, 1838

Dear Sir,

Before the receipt of your note of this date, I had made an arrangement with the Girard Bank for the draft in my favor, on the Mint -

Very Truly & respectfully Yours
A Dallas

Doctor R. M. Patterson

Bank of Commerce Dec 23. 1838

I have received your favor of yesterday and thank you for the offer to receive the Silver from Pittsburgh and to Separate the Coins as Requested — I presume that the different Kinds of Coin are not mixed in the same Keg but I cannot Say Confidently that they are entirely Separate in different Kegs —

Our Messenger Mr Pollock is instructed to Call at the Mint and receive your instructions on his arrival at Philad[a] with the Specie, you will therefore be pleased to direct him to Cause the Silver to be Conveyed to the Mint and I will thank you to hand him at the Same time the enclosed letter to his address

I am in with great Respect
Your Obt Servt
Jos Newbold Jr

Robt Patterson Esq
Director Mint
Philad[a]

Treasury Department
May 28. 1838.

Sir,

In reply to your communication of the 21st. I have to remark, that the forms of keeping the accounts at the Department are such, that neither of the methods suggested by you for substituting Treasury Notes for the drafts on the Mint can be conveniently adopted.

Should the state of the Treasury hereafter not make it necessary, the drafts on the Mint will not be heavy, and it may probably be in the power of the Department, before the season is over to place more specie there on Deposit if needed.

I remain very Respectfully
Your Obed't. Servt.
Levi Woodbury
Sec. of the Treas'y.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Philad'a.

Farmers Bank New Castle Delaware
May 23 1838

Dear Sir

Would it be convenient for you to furnish this Bank with One thousand Dollars in small change say Dimes, half Dimes? If so be pleased to say what

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servant
A. J. Tallyferro Cash

To
The Director of the Mint at Philadelphia

Bank of Monticello 21. 1838

Dear Sir

We have sent to Pittsburgh for
our Dollars $15,000 that has been lying there some
time, and the Messenger will probably return
Philad. with the Coin in about a week or 10
days from this - Part of the Coin are Mexican
Dollars, part in 5 franc pieces, and there are
probably some Spanish Milled Dollars & some
American half Dollars - The Mexican Dollars
and the 5 franc pieces we wish to dispose of
the Merchants for Exchange but we cannot do so
without Opening the Keg & examining the Contents -

Permit me therefore to Request of you the
favor to inform me whether it would be
Convenient & agreeable to you to receive the
whole amount of Dollars at the Mint on its
arrival at Philad.a from Pittsburgh, and to
dispose and take in dispute the Mexican
Dollars and 5 franc pieces, and deliver to our
Messenger the American Coins and the Spanish
Milled Dollars, if there are any of these Coins -

If you can thus accommodate my Constituents
and Community it will save my House of Repre-
sentatives the Mortification of your
refusal to do so — Remain my Respectfull
Your Obt Servt
Jno Newbold Rey

Robt Patterson Esq
Director U.S. Mint
Philada

Mint U. S.
May 17th, 1838.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th, asking for an additional supply of Indian Medals. Your wishes shall be attended to as promptly as possible; but the immense call upon the Mint, at present, for small coins, may give rise to some delay.

R. M. P.

C. A. Harris, Esq
Comm'r. Ind. Affairs.

Bank of Commerce Dec 17 1838

Dear Sir

I have received your favor of the 15th inst with enclosure, and have the pleasure to hand you herewith the Receipt of our Cashier in Liquidation —

I remain with great respect
Your Obt Servt
Jos Newbold Cashr

Robt Patterson Esq
Director Mint
Philada

Albany NY
May 16/38.

Dear Sir

I send inclosed the Memorandum of the value of your deposite made on the 10th inst; and I beg you, as heretofore, to have the receipt in the manner, and the above Memorandum, signed and returned. The Hamptons receipt on account is inclosed. The balance still due to you, viz: $633.82 will be kept on special deposite, subject to your order.

Very truly Yours
R. M. Patterson

Jas. Stanford Esq
Fort Edwards
N. Y.

Phoenix Bank

New York 1 May 1834

R. M. Patterson Esq

Director of the Mint

Phila.

Dear Sir

By tomorrows Boat I propose to forward to you for Coinage Ten Thousand Dollars in Silver — You will oblige me by causing it to be Coined into Quarter Dollars with a few hundreds in Dimes & Half Dimes — Please advise me at what time we may expect it to be ready for delivery —

Respectfully Yours

N. G. Ogden

Cash

Treasury Dept
3d Auditors Office
May 14. 1838

Sir

The Treasurer of the U States will transmit to Adam Eckfeldt Esq one thousand and eight dollars and eighty cts, the amount of his for Medals furnished for officers of the Army, addressed to your care. You will be pleased to procure the receipt of Mr Eckfeldt for the amount, when received send forward it to this Office

Respectfully
Your Obt Serv
Tom Hagner Aud

Doctor R M Patterson
Director of the U S Mint
at Phila

Mint of the United States.
May 14th, 1838

Dear Sir,

I have just returned from a visit to Washington, and find your letter of the 5th inst. on my table.

The regulations of the Mint as to the exchange of coins for bullion are very simple, and more liberal than those of the Mints of any other country. If bullion of the proper standard and of a quality fit for coinage is deposited with us, we return the whole of it in American coin, without charge of any kind, — the cost of labour and waste are being borne by the government. If the bullion is below standard, or of bad quality, the depositor is charged for the cost of refining; and if the bullion is above standard, he is charged for the cost of the alloy introduced.

We are coining an immense amount of small silver change, — principally for the banks. The silver that we prefer is French five-franc pieces, — for which

the whole weight is returned. ~~in small~~ Various dollars have to be refined before they can be converted into small coins.

Our banks are now bidding up the circulation of shin-plasters below the dollar. It becomes us to be thankful even for small favors.

Very faithfully
Your friend & Servant
P. M. P.

Leonard Jarvis, Esq.
Army Agent
Boston.

Treasury Department
May 11th 1838.

Sir

The Treasurer of the United States has been directed to draw two drafts on the Treasurer of the Mint - one for $50.000 - and one for $25.000 - for the purpose of procuring American Gold to pay such of the Members of Congress as may prefer it.

It is hoped, that the Treasurer will be able to pay the drafts in that coin, and the Department will soon cause an equal or larger amount of Specie to be deposited in the Mint if it be very desirable, and the means in its possession will enable it to do so.

I remain very Respy
Your Obed. Servt
Levi Woodbury
Secr. of the Treasury

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Philada

Department of War.
May 9th 1838.

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive your letter of the 5th ultimo.

So soon as the papers, can be forwarded from the House of Representatives, on which the appropriation passed for the payment of Mr Eckfeldt's claim, they will be placed in the hands of the Auditor, who will then report the amount, when a requisition for a warrant for the same will issue.

Very respectfully
Yr most obt
J. Crawford.
Acting Secy of War

Genl R M Patterson.
Director of the U States Mint
Philadelphia.

Newyork May 8 1838

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint
Phia

Sir Your favor of yesterday is received - by tomorrow morning's boat you shall have Mr Andrew Adams from our office with 20000. 5 franc pieces to be coined into dimes & ½ dimes Mr Maclachlan will please send person from his office to receive the deposit, and authorize you to deliver $5000 in small coin to Mr Adams out of the former 20000 dep$ - who you be pleased to inform us if returned and to please refund the $2500 being receipt for 90 days, and say whether that sum may be called to advise the Merchants Bank N York from whom and at what time they may be withdrawn.

When the present deposit is made you will have received from us 30000 5 franc pieces
40000 " " forwarded and require 30000 " "
70000
the amount will vary a little as the 5 franc pieces will fall short

and oblige Yours
J. G. Dyer
Cashier Manufacturers & Farmers

Office of CHRISTMAS, LIVINGSTON, PRIME & COSTER, 42 Wall-street,

NEW YORK, 183

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" " 6s, 1846 a 1850		
Ohio 6s, 1850		
" 6s, 1857		
N. York City 5s,		

War Department
Office Indian Affairs
May 8th 1838.

Sir

Your letter of the 5th inst has been received. The appropriations for the Indian service have not yet been made, and it is not, therefore, in my power to issue a requisition in payment for the medals, as you have requested.

Very respectfully
Your most obt
C. A. Harris
Comr

Genl
R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia.

Bank of Pennsylvania May 1st 1838

Dear Sir

I have received your favor of the 5th Inst and notice with pleasure your agreement to give us $100000 in half dollars immediately upon our depositing $100000 Mexican Dollars, we will therefore forward the latter on Wednesday next and will send at the same time Treasury Check No. 915 $50000 & No. 2111 for $2582.85, making in all $152582.85 which you will please direct to be put up in Bags in half Dollars (endeavoring a few thousand dollars in quarters if possible) and deliver the same to our Messenger on Thursday Morning next – and you will please deliver at the same time the $7444.17 remaining at the Mint for Safe Keeping for our account

The exact Value on $100000 of the Mexican Dollars that our Share forwarded on Wednesday Can be ascertained for hereafter –

I remain with great Respect
Your Obt Servt
Geo Newbold Pte

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director U.S. Mint
Philad

Mint U. S.
May 7th, 1838.

Gentlemen,

Your letter of the 5th was rec'd this morning. In answer to it, I have to state, that the $ 5,000 in small coins promised on the 1st of May are ready for delivery, and that the $ 10,000 promised on the 1st of June will also be ready, and we have no doubt that the whole amount can be ready in 90 days. But you must meddle with the you time from the time of deposite, and since your last $ 30,000 of deposites have been made to us, to be returned in small coins.

Very respectfully
Yours
R. M. T. D.

To
Messrs. Christmas, Livingston & Prime
New York.

Mint of the United States.
May 5th, 1838.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 3d was received this morning. The draft for $50000 will be paid when presented; and we can also give you $100,000 on account of the 100000 Mexican dollars which you propose to send, if you will receive the whole amount in half dollars. Quarter dollars we cannot give you without a delay the length of which I cannot name to you. We have an enormous amount of small coins to make. Prime, Ward & King deposited $33000 this morning, the whole of which is to be returned in quarter dollars.

Yours &c.
R. M. P.

Gov. A. W. Bolles Esq.
Pt. Blanco, Mexico.

Mint of the United States,
May 5. 1835

Sir,

In a letter which I had the honor to send to you on the 17th of February last, I included an account of Mr. Adam Eckfeldt, principally for fine gold furnished by him for the series of Medals voted by Congress to Gen. Jackson and others. This account amounted to $1008.57, with interest from the 9th of March 1824.

In your letter to me of March 12th last, you state that you will present the subject to Congress, and ask an appropriation for the payment of the bill, excepting the charge of interest which cannot be allowed.

From a notice in the papers, it appears that this item is included among the appropriations made. If it be so, I will pray you to issue your warrant, in my favor, for the amount, and I will see to the settlement of the account, and to your department being furnished with the proper vouchers.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful Servant
(Signed) R. M. Patterson
Director

To
Hon. Levi R. Pendett
Secretary of War.

Mint of the United States,
May 5. 1838.

Sir,

On the 27th Dec last, I sent you Mr Eckfeldt's account for the Silver, and for his part of the Work, of the Indian Medals, executed at the Mint, at your request; the whole amount being $ 1547.444

I also stated that according to the Contract made with Mr Thirst, on the 12th May, 1837, he was to receive for his work, all charges of every kind included, — $ 1000; a part of which was advanced to him by Mr Eckfeldt.

As I presume that the requisite appropriations have been made to enable you to pay these sums, I will pray you to procure a requisition from the Department in my favor, for $ 2547.444, and I will see to the settlement of the accounts here, & send you the proper Vouchers.

Very respectfully
Your faithful Servant.

(Signed) R. M. Patterson,
Director.

To)
C. A. Harris, Esq.
Commissioner of
Indian Affairs.

Treasury Department
5th May 1838

Sir,

By direction of the Secretary I send you a counterfeit Dollar lately emitted in N. York. The Secretary requests that it may be assayed to ascertain the metals of which it is composed.

I am very respy
Your obt. Sr.
M'Clintock Young
Chief Clerk

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint, Phila

Navy Agent's Office
Boston 5th May 1838.

Dear Sir

Some of our beautiful Whigs undertake to assert that the coin of the United States cannot be procured at the mint in exchange for bullion without the payment of a premium. Now this I know must be false & get those who assert it may have some very small hole out of which they may creep & save what little credit they may have for veracity.

Will you do me the favour to inform me what measures it is necessary to take in order to procure our coin at the mint & upon what terms it is afforded. There is great scarcity here of small silver coins & our bank officers do not seem disposed to apply any remedy to the inconvenience.

I remain very truly
Yr. Obd. Servt
Geo. Jarvis

Dr R. M. Patterson
&c. &c.

Bank of Pennsylvania May 3. 1838

Dear Sir

We hold a Treasury draft on the Mint for $50000. which we shall forward for payment early next week, Permit Me therefore to enquire whether you Can at the same time let us have an additional sum of $100000 in half & quarter Dollars, if so, we will forward by our Messenger and will deposite at the Mint 100000 Mexican Dollars -

How were pleased to inform me some time since that you would give us immediate payment in half Dollars for a deposite of Dollars to Come from Pittsburgh, but as we have not yet sent for those dollars, we will forward the amount from our own Vaults, if it shall suit you to give us immediate returns in half & quarter Dollars -

I remain very respectfully
Yours obt Servt
Jas Newbold Cash

Robt Patterson Esq
Director of Mint
Philada

Mint of the United States,
May 1, 1838.

Sir,

The amount of Gold remaining uncoined at the Mint, on the 31st of March, 1838, was — — — — — — — — $166.540

Deposites in April

Bullion of the United States	$9.152	
Foreign Bullion	6.872	
Coins of the U.S. former Standard none		
Foreign Coins	73.605	89.629
		256.169

Coinage of Gold in april

2n Quarter Eagles	$21.830	
2n Half Eagles	101.505	123.335

Remaining uncoined April 30th 38 $132.834

Very respectfully,
your faithful Servant.
R. M. P.
Director

To Hon. Levi Woodbury,
Sec. of Treasury.

Post office
Richmond, Va 30th April 1838

Sir,

I thank you sincerely for your polite offer to procure the Specie to be exchanged at the West for me. I now send you a check on the Bank of Pa for $300, and request that the whole amount may be sent in Cents or Coppers - Ship them as soon as you can, and forward the bill of Lading, that I may insure them here. If there be a premium please pay it - I wish one keg of $100 to be put up to itself -

Very Respectfully,
Your Obt. Servt. C. McGoock PM

Dr R. M. Patterson.
Philadelphia

Treas. U. S.
Jan. 30 / 05.

Sir,

You vouchers show that you are right as to an overdraft of $10 to the Bk. U. S. in the payment of the first instalment made at the Treas. in Oct. last. It shall be corrected, in our next report, as you claim.

R. Mc P.

Hon. Wm B. Randolph
Ch. Clerk Fin. U. S.

Treasury of the United States
25 June 1838.

To the
Director of the U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir

In the settlement of our quarterly accounts, there appears to be an overpayment from the Bank of U. S. of $10-, the amount credited by your institution under date of 31 Octr. last, by payment on account of the U. S. Bank, as per your return of Nov. 11th was $522.41 cts. 11. which should have been $522.41 cts. 11 - as appears on the Auditors settlement In your next report please charge the $10- as overcredited in the amount received from the U. S. Bank on the 31 Octr. last & if not so be so if not please inform me. very respectfully

Yr. obed. svt.
Wm. B. Randolph
Ch. Clk. Sec. T.

Mint of the United States.
June 27th, 1838.

Sir,

On ~~an~~ ~~early~~ finally to close my accounts for furnishing machinery and for other expenses incident to the outfit of the Branch Mints, I find the following appropriations necessary; ~~to~~ and I ~~pray~~ ~~you~~ ~~would~~ ~~ask~~ most respectfully beg ~~him~~ you to ~~submit~~ the matter to the Committee of Ways and Means, ~~that they will~~ and ~~beg~~ ~~him~~ to ~~ask~~ their ~~approval~~ of such appropriations to be asked of Congress. It is very desirable, ~~that they appropriation~~ ~~might~~ should be ~~made~~ passed, ~~if possible~~ during the present Session, as they will enable me to make a final settlement of this account with our auditors and the department.

~~I am most respectfully,~~
~~Your obedt~~

"For furnishing machinery and for other expenses incident to the outfit of the Branch Mints viz;

"For the Branch at New Orleans $ 1671
" at Charlotte 564
" at Dahlonega 565
$ 2800 "

I am most respectfully
your faithful Servant
R. M. P.

To
Hon. C. C. Cambreling
Chairman of Committee
of Ways & Means

Mint of the United States
June 27th, 1838.

Sir

Capt. Jenkins left at the Mint your letter of the 23d inst., with a draft on New York for $250, for which you request Dimes silver coins. I regret exceedingly to be obliged to return this draft, as we cannot, ~~at the Mint~~ give the coins you ask, except in return for Silver bullion or foreign coins deposited at the Mint.

R. M. P.

To/
L. A. Coffin Esq
Cash. Hudson River Bank
Hudson, N. Y.

New york June 21st 1838

R. M. Patterson Esqr
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir

Per prima Cpt Babcock will deliver you a small Package containing Gold Dust and two Eagle Doubloons, which please count to be sure, and send us Mint Certificate for the Amount, we are very Respectfully
Your Mst Obt Servants
Peter Harmony & Co

Kansas Farmers Bank
Pocahontas Iowa June 25th 1878

Dear Sir

Herewith is $100. Twelve of which pass is the old
Covington which pass is par — Third of mills & exchange
for times 1/8 discount, about Half per cent — we are very much
troubled for small change as deaf of this is for the
Ex Bank you will greatly oblige us by making this
exchange —

Yours Respectfully
J. D. Adams Cash

One $100
1 — 290 —

$45 in gold of mixed standards
0.20 in half dimes
.25 in 12½ cent pieces
45.45 returned to Mrs. Kingsley

Western River Bank

June 23. 1838

R. M. Pettigrew Esq

Director

Sir

I enclose my draft on Lechee Rail Road Bank for $250.00 and wish you to send me by Capt. Joseph G. Swift the amount of the draft in Specie deducting Discount & Exchange

Very Respectfully

Your Ob. Servt

C. Coffin

Dear Sir

Youngsville Warren County Penna
June 25. 1838

I have once or twice troubled you with Specimens of Stone for Examination - Allow me to trouble you with the Examination of the Enclosed Stone - If you should find them to contain Sulphuret of Mercury please inform me of Each kind by giving me an Early Answer you will much oblige me

Yours Dear Sir Yours
Humble Servant
J. W. Brigham

Please direct your letter to [illegible] Erie - N. Y.

Mint of the United States,
June 19. 1838.

Dear Sir,

I regret exceedingly that it will not be in our power to give the small Silver coins which you desire, except in return for bullion or foreign coins deposited at the Mint. Formerly, we were sometimes enabled to give coins for drafts, but now that our Philadelphia Banks are not paying specie, it is impossible to do so. If you can procure a deposite of Silver to be made at the Mint, we will have the coins prepared for you without delay. —

Very respectfully,
Your faithful Servant,
R. M. Patterson
Director.
Signed

To
Hon. H. Hubbard,
U. S. Senate,
Washington

Six boxes of Gold forwarded to the Mint by the Bank of America 19th June 1888

No 3503	k°	7 984	assay 994
3504	"	6 821.5	994
3447	"	6 031	996
3502	"	7 559	994
2944	"	7 595	995
5926	"	4 475.5	994
	k°	40 124	

Weight as shelled 12911.015 Oz.

Found by reduction at 643 dols p k°. 1289.99

Diff. = 0.06

Mint of the United States,
June 18. 1838.

Sir,

I have duly received your letter of the 14th inst., and am sorry to be obliged to return you the draft for $150. which was enclosed.

The Mint will forward copper coins, at its own cost and risk, for specie or its equivalent funds here. But as our Banks at Philadelphia have not resumed specie payments, a draft on New York cannot be converted into coins here, at par.

As to small silver coins, we have no authority by law to give them except for Silver Bullion or foreign Coins actually deposited at the Mint, and they must then be received from us by some agent at this place. We have, indeed, sometimes sent a small quantity in the way of accommodations, but the risk of transportation must then be borne by the depositor.

I am truly anxious to accommodate you; but must regret that I cannot do so, at this time, under the laws & regulations of the Mint.

Very respectfully,
your faithful Servant,
Signed R. M. Patterson,
Director

To/
A. G. Saxby, Esq.
Post-Master,
Utica,
Oneida Co., N. Y.

Mint of the United States
June 18. 1838.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th inst.

Mr. Newbold has not yet made the deposite which he told us he would forward on his arrival at New York, and which was to be $200.000. worth of foreign gold. If this amount be sent to us, and can be paid by your draft the Mint would be amply supplied with gold. Should $100,000. of gold and of silver would be sufficient for the present.

Very respectfully
Your faithful servant
R. M. Patterson,
Director

To
Hon. Levi Woodbury
Sec. of Treasury.

Huntington June 17. 1854

Dear Sir

I am very anxious instead to procure for me a new Bank about a thousand dollars in small changes in quarters and about a half dimes. Can I be accommodated - I will give a deposit on Monday. &c - Mr Eckfeldt has kindly procured me similar favors

Very truly ~~yours~~ respectfully
Yours &
A Burbank

Treasury Department
June 1st 1838

Sir

Your of the 13th has just been received.
I will thank you to state in what denomination of Coin
you proposed to pay Mr. Newbold & how much you will want
in addition to your present means. It may be in the
power of the Department to furnish you with a draft
on the Bank of America for enough to enable you
to settle with Mr. Newbold satisfactorily.

I remain very Respy
your Obedt Servt
Levi Woodbury
Sec. of the Treasury

Dr. W. W. Patterson.
Director of the Mint
Philada

Post Office Office
Oneida County, State New York
June 10th 1835

R. M. Patterson, Esq
Director U. S. Mint

Sir

I enclose you a draft on New York for $150. for which please forward to this Office

in cents $50
in 5c Cents 40
in 5c dimes 50
in dimes ..... 10.
$150.

I would suggest that you put the silver Coins in a small bag & put the bag in the top of a Cask containing the Copper Coin — per an[illegible] or Canal or Conveyance

I am very respectfully
Your ob[illegible] Servant
A. G. Darby P.M.
Per H. Eastman Agt.

Check from Oneida Bank
or Union Bank N.Y.
$150, June 11/35. — No. 447
B. B. Lansing, Cash.

Mint of the United States,
June 13. 1838.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge your letter of the 11th, announcing Treasury drafts on the Mint to the amount of $75.000, and requesting that they should be paid in gold, if practicable. In answer, I have to state that the payments shall be made immediately; as you desire, — one half in half-eagles, and one half in quarter-eagles. But this draft will bring upon us an evil which I have been anticipating. Mr. Newbold stated, when in Philadelphia three days ago, that he would send us from New York $200,000 worth of gold bullion, and he was led to anticipate immediate payment for the amount. Your draft will put this out of our power, and our new system, which has been so satisfactory to depositors, will be interrupted for the first time. I do not, by any means, blame the Department for this, for I am too well acquainted with its embarrassments, and their sources; but I make the statement to show the great importance of replacing, as you propose, as soon as your means will enable you to do so, the draft to made on our deposite.

I am with great respect,
Your faithful Servant

Hon. Levi Woodbury,
Sec. of Treasury.

Dft. R. M. Patterson,
Director.

Bank of America
New York June 11 1835.

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint
Dear Sir

Your favor of 9th Instant to Mr. Newbold is received, with Statement of our last deposit at the Mint, & receipts for the amount, which Letters are herein returned, duly executed. —

We shall forward to you in a few days Some New gold, when our Messenger will be authorized to receive the balance $9039.68 due on this deposit

I am
Very Respectfully
Yours &c
J. Thompson
Cash.

Mint of the United States
June 9. 1836.

Gentlemen,

In your letter of the 5th ultimo accompanying a bill for $ 3261,31½ for Cop per planchets sent per Sch. Olynthus, You say that you will inform me in a few days, when you would wish the amount shipped to. Please really to make the payment now; and your instructions are not yet received. Please to communicate them to us as early as convenient.

I have also to request that you will again begin to remit planchets to us as heretofore, as the amount on hand is greatly reduced.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful Servant,
R. M. Patterson,
Director.

To/
Messrs. Crocker, Bros. & Co.

25th CONGRESS, 2d SESSION.

S. 357.

[Pub.]

IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

JUNE 7, 1838.

Mr. WRIGHT, from the Committee on Finance, reported the following bill; which was read, and passed to a second reading.

A BILL

Supplementary to the act entitled "An act to establish branches of the Mint of the United States," approved March third, eighteen hundred and thirty-five.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the director of the Mint be, and he is hereby, authorized to employ, from time to time, at the several branches of the Mint, such number of workmen and attendants, as, from the representations made to him by the respective superintendents, and from his knowledge of the business of the several branches, he shall deem necessary for the successful and economical prosecution of the work, and the safety of the buildings and other public property, at each branch Mint; which said workmen and assistants shall be employed and paid in all respects according to the provisions of the act entitled "An act supplementary to the act entitled 'An act establishing a Mint, and regulating the coins of the United States,'" approved

on the eighteenth day of January, eighteen hundred and thirty-seven.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be lawful for the director of the Mint, by and with the advice and consent of the President of the United States, to direct the coinage of silver as well as gold at the branches of the Mint at Charlotte, and Dahlonega, in case he shall believe that the same machinery employed for coining gold can, without injury to it, and without any material expense for alterations, be beneficially employed in said coinage: *Provided*, That the silver coined at the said branches shall be of the denomination of quarter dollars and under.

Mint of the United States,
June 2d, 1838.

Sir,

The amount of Gold, remaining uncoined at the Mint, on the 30th of April, 1838, was: $132.834

Deposites in May:

Bullion of the U. States	$16.356.	
Foreign Bullion	1.913.	
U. S. Coins (Old Standard	179.	
Foreign Coins	118.968.	137.416.
		270.250.

Coinage in May:

2½ Quarter Eagles	$21.972.	
" Half Do	195.295	217.267
Remaining uncoined May 31st, 1838		52.983

Very respectfully,
Your faithful servt.

Hon. Levi Woodbury,
Sec. of Treasury.

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia, July 31. 1838.

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 26th inst. was received yesterday — I understand your inquiry to be, whether French gold coins ~~should~~ at 93 to cents per dwt, or ~~exactly~~ equivalent, weight for weight, ~~as~~ to Gold coins of the United States, of 1837 and subsequent dates.

Some explanation is necessary, in answering this question. In the first place, French coins (reposing, of course, only to those since Louis XVI) altho' made a legal tender by the act of June 28th 1834, at 93 to cents per dwt if nine tenths fine, are actually worth, at the Mint, only 92 7/10 cents per dwt; which reduction is due to two causes; first, by the uniform result of Assays here, those coins are but 899/1000 ths fine; and second, by the act of January 18th 1837, the value of a pennyweight of gold, at nine tenths fine, is fixed at 93.02325 cents per dwt. So that, even if those coins were as fine as they call for, they could not be received for re-coinage at the Mint, at a higher rate than that last mentioned, ~~whatever~~

You are correct in saying, that there are three kinds of U.S. gold coins in regard to fineness; those prior to August 1834 - those coined from that date to the close of 1836, and those coined in 1837 and since. - The first

class, (now nearly out of circulation) is made a legal tender by law at 94 10/100 cents per dwt, although at the Mint they are found not to produce more than 94 46/100.

The coins of the second class are a legal tender at their nominal value, being actually worth about 1/10th of one per cent less than the present coinage. They are not received at the Mint.

It may be proper to add, that in receiving coin by weight, a deduction is made, at the Mint, from such as are not perfectly clean, equal to about 1 grain per seven ounces.

Respectfully

R. M. Patterson

Director

To
E. Copeland Jr. Esq.
Boston

UNION TRANSPORTATION LINE,
BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND PHILADELPHIA.
VIA RAIL ROAD ACROSS NEW-JERSEY.

New-Brunswick Canal and Steam-Boat Transportation Company, Proprietors.

For the conveyance of Merchandize, Specie, Baggage, &c. &c. and insurance effected whenever required, on any package, to its full amount of value.

Office in NEW-YORK, 14 *Washington-Street.*
" PHILADELPHIA, *foot of Chesnut-Street, south side.*

Marks and Numbers.

#1@1p

New-York, July 31 1838.

Received *from* Mechanics Bank

Ten Keg Specie

marked and numbered as per margin, which we promise to forward (dangers of fire, water, breakage and leakage excepted) and not holding ourselves responsible, if lost, stolen, or damaged, beyond the value of two hundred dollars per package; unless insured by mutual agreement,) to

Robt L Patterson

in Philadelphia, upon presenting this receipt at our office, foot of Chesnut-Street, and paying freight therefor.

Thos B Florence

Carf Florence

For the Proprietors.

J M Silcock

Mechanics Bank Rhyd July 30th 1838

Dear Sir

I send by to-morrow morning's Rail Road Cars, Ten Kegs containing Fifty Thousand Mexican dollars, for Recoinage, marked "Mechanics Bank #1@10".

I should prefer if convenient to have the same returned in Coin of the following denominations, viz $40000 in Eagles $6000 in quarters and $4000 in dimes & half Dimes, if it be not practicable to furnish all the Smaller denominations let us have as many as you can spare, as a speedy return is very desirable

Robert L Pattison Esqr
Director U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Wm Ost Leonard

Wm Leonard
Cashier

Copy

Mechanics Bank
N. York 30 July 1834

Robt. L. Patterson Esq
Director U.S. Mint
Phila

Dr Sir

I send by to morrow morning's R. Boat two Kegs containing fifty thousand Mexican dollars for Recoinage, Granted Mechanics Bank Bill a 10. I should prefer if convenient to have the same returned in coin of the following denominations, viz, $ 40,000.— in Halves, $ 5000.- in quarters, and $ 4000.- in dimes & half dimes. If it be practicable to furnish all the smaller denominations but we have as many as you can spare, as a speedy return is very desirable.

Yours &c &c

M Leonard
Cashier

Mint U. S.
July 31 st, 1838.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th inst., and am pleased to receive your instructions relating to the Coinage of Eagles. I have ordered immediate measures to be taken for the preparation of the dies. We shall spare no pains to make our Chief Coin worthy of the Mint. You are probably aware that the last coinage of Eagles was made in 1804.

R. M. P.

The Hon. Levi Woodbury
Sec. of Treasury.

Treasury Department
Feby 24. 1838.

Sir,

From a letter addressed to the Department by Mr. Rank and received this morning, I am led to hope that before the expiration of the months of August next, the amount of the Smithsonian legacy will be deposited in the Mint.

In that event I should be pleased if you would coin to the amount of about $50.000 in Eagles - the Department will be obliged to draw on the Mint for the pay of Members of Congress dearing the next session & would like to have some Golden Eagles to distribute amongst those who prefer them.

I remain very Respy
Your Obed. Sr
Sam. Wood Ewing
Sec. of the Treasury

Dr. R.M. Patterson
Director of the Mint.

Treasury of the United States,

26 July 1838.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive One Treasury Draft made payable to your order, together with a descriptive list of the same, combined with a receipt therefor, which you will please to sign and return to this office, by return of mail.

I am, respectfully,
Sir, your obedient servant,
John Campbell,
Treasurer of the United States.

Robt. P. Mc Patterson Esqr

To the Director of the
U. S. Mint, Philadelphia

Boston July 26 1838

Dr Sir

As I understand the present Law, regulating the Coinage of Gold, the Standard is 9/10ths fine - being the same as the French Coins - & the weight of each Eagle is to be 10. 18. - This weight is equal to $10,01 according to a scale of Tables which I compiled in 1834 -

There will consequently be in Circulation three kinds of Eagles viz the old Eagles, or those prior to 1834 - Those of 1834, '35 & '36 - & those of 1837 & Subsequent. Please say if I am correct in this, & whether a table - Calculated for receiving & paying out French Coins at 9/10ths fineness is just fitted to receive & pay out the U. S Coins of 1837 & Subsequent dates. -

Respectfully Yr Obt Servt

E. Copeland Jun.

My object is to state, if such is the fact, that the Amn Gold Coins of 1837 & since can be safely rec.d & paid out by my Table of French Coins

Rochester City Bank
July 20. 1858

D Sir

I have this day written to Mr Samuel Porter of your City to deposite with you $1000 in Coin for the purpose of procuring for us some small change agreeable to yours of 17th Inst —

We should like half of it in Cents & one half in Dimes & ½ Dimes — & of those as many ½'s as you can spare — About half of the Cents & $200 of the ½ Dimes are for the Post office in this City

Mr Porter will call for the change when you direct —

Truly
D M. Haight & Cash
Jr S. W. Bissell
Cash

War Department
Office Indian affairs
May 25th 1838

Sir

I enclose Maj T. P. Andrews' check of this date, in your favor payable at the Bank of America, N York for 573.12 ℔. This sum with a remittance of 2074.32/100 ℔ which will be made to you from the treasury, will place you in funds to pay the account of Mr Eckfeldt of 1547.44 ℔ and the amount agreed to be paid to Mr Furst, of 1000 ℔, making together 2547.44 ℔, the cost and expenses of the Indian Medals referred to in your letter of the 27th December last.

As you will be charged on the treasury books, it will, as you know, be necessary to transmit to this office, an account embracing the above claims with proper receipts, that the amount may be passed to your credit.

Mr Eckfeldt's account has omitted by you & returned.

Please sign & return the enclosed receipt to me.

I beg to call your attention to my request of the 15th May, respecting an additional number of Medals. A few of the large size are much wanted.

Dr Robt Patterson
Director Mint
Philad.a

I am very respectfully Your obt Servt
C. A. Harris
Comr

Treasury Department
July 20. 1838.

Sir,

Mr. Rush's arrival at Norfolk with the amount of the Smithsonian Legacy in foreign gold is expected daily. Mr. R. has been requested to transfer the money at once to the Mint to be deposited to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States – As soon as the exact value shall be ascertained and returned to the Treasurer of the United States by the Mint – a transfer draft will be issued to place the amount in the Mint under the provisions of the 12th. Sect. of the Act of 23d. of June 1836 –

I remain very Respy
Your Obed. Se
Levi Woodbury
Sec. of the Treasury

R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philada.

Mint of the United States
July 20th, 1838

Sir,

I received, yesterday, your letter of the 18th inst. in which you complain of ~~the assertion~~ that the assay of your gold pieces was found, ~~incorrect~~ at the Mint, to be "incorrect;" and consider this assertion as placing "your character at stake;" and you ask me to ~~state~~ state "how we found and how found your coin, when stuck was assayed under our superintendence".

I comply with ~~the~~ your request in the most satisfactory manner possible, by sending you the enclosed statement of numerous assays, weights and estimates of your coins made by us at different times. You will see from it that we do not find your assays to be "correct"; but in making this communication, wish distinctly to assert that we have never said or believed that these deviations from accuracy were the results of design on your part, or that they could justly be con-

sidered as involving your character as an honest and upright man. It is known that your ~~assay~~ separation for assaying is very crude, ~~and as~~ I have ~~since~~ been told that you contend yourself with the assay by the humid method, the imperfection of which is not less in the case of gold, ~~is well known~~ as compared with red, and it is not to be expected therefore that you should be able to attain the same degree of accuracy.

R. M. P.

To
Christopher Beckley, Esq.
Rutherfordton, N. C.

Mint

July 17 / 35.

Gentlemen

Our accumulation of cents and copper planchets has become immense, and I must therefore pray you to stop manufacturing them until further order.

Mr. Pitfield stated that the last invoice but one received here, (the last is not yet opened) had the planchets accidentally too light, so as hardly to escape the limit allowed by law. Please to attend to this matter, when any from the order is ground.

How much copper is due to you on hand. Will you give us your instructions with regard to it?

R. M. P.

Messrs. Cockey, Brothers.
Sheffield, Mass.

Treasury Department
July 18. 1838.

Sir,

In compliance with your request, I transmit, enclosed, a statement prepared in the Office of the Register of the Treasury, shewing the Appropriations made at the late session of Congress for the Mint Establishment.

I remain very Respy
Your Obed. Svt
Sam. Ward Kearny
Sec. of the Treasury.

R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint

P.S. The Act referred to by you, respecting the Branch Mints, as it is believed did not become a law.
L. Co.

Mint U. S.

July 17 / 58

Sir,

~~Cents dimes and half dimes~~
Cents can be procured here for Specie paid at the Mint; and they will be forwarded to you, at our risk and cost, and without any delay.

Dimes and half-dimes can be given only for silver bullion or foreign coins, also deposited at the Mint; and the small coins will be paid to your agent, at the Mint. A little delay will occur, but will not exceed a week or ten. You may have any reasonable amount.

Yr. Mo. Ob. Sv.

R. M. Patterson

To/ F. A. Haight, Esq.
~~A. H. Bissell, Esq.~~
Cashier Exchange Rochester City Bank,
N. Y.

Rochester City Bank
July 13. 1858

Dr Sir

In what terms can we procure some pennies. Dimes & 1/2 Dimes & how many can you spare? — An early answer would much oblig

Yours &c

D. Mc. Haight Cash
for D. Wm Bissell Pres

[FOR THE CHARLOTTE JOURNAL.]

Mr. Holton—Can you or any of your acquaintances inform the gold finders and buyers for what purpose the Branch Mint was established in Charlotte? Do you think the expectations of the people have been realised in its establishment? Is Gold Coin more plenty about Charlotte than formerly? Can a person who has Gold Bullion obtain Northern funds at the Mint for it? I have been informed that neither Northern funds nor the Gold Coin can be got for it. I have also understood that there is very little prospect for coining any soon. My informant may not have known, but if these are facts, all who have gold bars will have to send them to Philadelphia as heretofore, where I am told the cash can be had for them in a few days, as gold is a cash article there. Suppose, Mr. Editor, I should bring a quantity of Gold to the Mint in Charlotte for a deposit, take a receipt, and it remains locked up for two or three months before it is coined, is it justice that I should lose the use of my money so long without interest? Suppose I should meet with an opportunity of sending it to Philadelphia, do you know whether or not I could get it out of the Mint upon the production of the receipt? would it not be right to do so? I wish you to give the desired information through your paper, which will save much trouble to those who may wish to take Gold to the Mint. If I deposit a quantity of Gold and stand in great need of the money, am I accommodated by waiting three months for it? Gold at the Mint in Philadelphia is a cash article, here it brings nothing for weeks and months. What a difference between the Mother and Daughter—one rich the other poor.

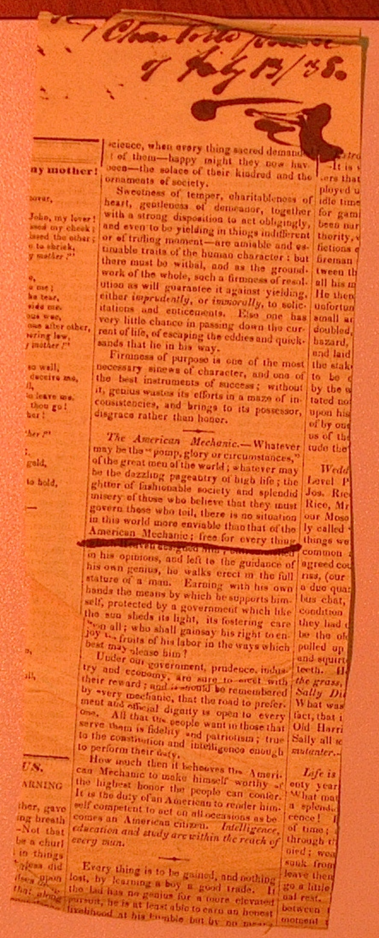
A SUBSCRIBER.

[As the queries put to us by a subscriber can be more easily answered by some of the individuals attached to the Mint, we hope they will so far oblige us, as to give the information desired.—*Ed. Jour.*]

Mr. Holton: The season of the year has arrived in which we may expect the prevalence of disease produced from stagnant water and other causes in town and surrounding country.

Would it not be proper for the Citizens of Charlotte to investigate the various causes which produce disease. Are not sufficiently interested in their own health and others around them to take some interest in the matter? Can it be possible that they can sleep while the enemy is in sight? Are there no local causes in town, are not the cellars and back lots kept clean? have any penned hogs in their yards? Are there no Mill Ponds (which produce disease) deserving attention—it is the opinion of a large number of the Citizens that the Pond on the West side of Charlotte is the source of disease in consequence of the *Dam* having been raised something like two feet above the common height, thereby causing from 20 to 50 acres of land to be inundated at high Water, and which was dry before the dam was raised. The Citizens should see to this and appoint a committee to examine this *Pond*, and then take the course which their interest points out. If it should be deemed necessary for the health of Charlotte to pull down the Dam to its former height let it be done.

July 10, 1838. A CITIZEN.



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gold,

to hold,

science, when every thing sacred demands it of them—happy might they now have been—the solace of their kindred and the ornaments of society.

Sweetness of temper, charitableness of heart, gentleness of demeanor, together with a strong disposition to act obligingly, and even to be yielding in things indifferent or of trifling moment—are amiable and estimable traits of the human character: but there must be *withal*, and as the groundwork of the whole, such a firmness of resolution as will guarantee it against yielding, either *imprudently*, or *immorally*, to solicitations and enticements. Else one has very little chance in passing down the current of life, of escaping the eddies and quicksands that lie in his way.

Firmness of purpose is one of the most necessary sinews of character, and one of the best instruments of success; without it, genius wastes its efforts in a maze of inconsistencies, and brings to its possessor, disgrace rather than honor.

The American Mechanic.—Whatever may be the "pomp, glory or circumstances," of the great men of the world; whatever may be the dazzling pageantry of high life; the glitter of fashionable society and splendid misery of those who believe that they must govern those who toil, there is no situation in this world more enviable than that of the American Mechanic; free for every thing [illegible] in his opinions, and left to the guidance of his own genius, he walks erect in the full stature of a man. Earning with his own hands the means by which he supports himself, protected by a government which like the sun sheds its light, its fostering care "on all; who shall gainsay his right to enjoy the fruits of his labor in the ways which best may please him?

Under our government, prudence, industry and economy, are sure to meet with their reward; and it should be remembered by every mechanic, that the road to preferment and official dignity is open to every one. All that the people want in those that serve them is fidelity and patriotism; true to the constitution and intelligence enough to perform their duty.

How much then it behooves the American Mechanic to make himself worthily of the highest honor the people can confer. It is the duty of an American to render himself competent to act on all occasions as becomes an American citizen. *Intelligence, education and study are within the reach of every man.*

Every thing is to be gained, and nothing lost, by learning a boy a good trade. If the lad has no genius for a more elevated pursuit, he is at least able to earn an honest livelihood at his trade but by no means

Treasury Department
July 12. 1838.

Sir,

A draft will be drawn, to day, by the Treasurer of the United States on the Treasurer of the Mint for $20.a 30.000. This money is required for disbursement in the West and it is desirable, that it should be paid in the smallest coins of Gold and Silver that can well be spared.

When the Smithsonian Legacy shall arrive I am in hopes to be able to replace this sum with the Mint and to deposit an additional amount.

I remain very Respy
Your Obed. Sr
Levi Woodbury
Sec. of the Treas.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Philada

D. Sir,

Col. Brant & lady (who is my niece) will call to see the Mint while in Philadelphia, and I give them this note of introduction, knowing your readiness to oblige all strangers, and especially those who come recommended by friends.

Yours truly,

Thomas H. Benton.

July 1st. 1838.

D. Patterson,

Director

of the Mint,

Phila

Office Farmers Bank of Virg.
Norfolk, July 11th, 1838.

R. M. Sadleir Esq.

Sir

I am obliged by yours favor of the 6th inst, may I trouble you again, to take if American Gold Coins can be had in exchange for Foreign Gold.

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servant
J. H. Woodis
Cay

Ans? July 13th that Amn Coins could be given for foreign without delay.

P. O. New York
July 10 38

Dr Sir

Please have the goodness to send me $60 in Cents & $40 in 5 Cents & Marked all in one bag

P. Office
Utica
NY

If you have no half Cents please send the whole in Cents. & much Oblige

Yours very Respy
J. L. Coddington
PM

2/ R M Patterson Esq

Wm Patterson Esq
Quarter of the Mint
Phila

Mint of the United States,
July 9th, 1838.

Sir,

The amount of Gold remaining uncoined at the Mint, on the 31st of May last was — $52.983 —

Deposites in June: —

Bullion of the United States	$17.978.	
Foreign Bullion	35707.	
Foreign Coins	34781.	
U.S. Coins, (old stand'd)	545.	109,011. —
		$161.994 —

Coinage in June: —

In Quarter Eagles	$12.312.	
" Half Do.	48.675	60.987
Remaining uncoined, June 30. 1838.		$101.007.

Very respectfully,
your faithful servants
R. M. P.
Director.

To
Hon. Levi Woodbury,
Sec. of Treasury.

Monday Morn'g
July 9. 1838

Dear Sir

I hope to be in
Philadelphia a moment after
= noon and immediately after
the arrival of the cars Saml
will call at the Mint – for the
purpose of taking charge of
the Box of change – I hope
Mr Eckfeldt will remain at
the mint for the purpose
of delivering to me the box –
not withstanding it may be
a week after the office hours

Respectfully
Yours &
R Maclean

Prince July 3th 1838

Dear Sir

The cents you furnished me some time
since are exhausted, and I cannot get along without
them at my toll Bridge. I am now still quite
difficulty in getting specie funds at Philadelphia
I have sent by Mr James H. Tonell of our county
one hundred and twenty dollars in Virginia Bank notes.
If these notes will not answer at par Mr Tonell
will pay the necessary discount to you a process
such funds as will answer. I will thank you
to send the 1000 cents to the care of Taylor Deane
and Edwards Richmond

Very Respectfully your Obt
Wm Merriweather

Rutherfordton N. Ca. July 3d 1788.

Sir

You will pardon my taking the liberty to trouble you with a few lines

There is a Gentleman in this vicinity who says publicly that he has some of our Old Rules at the U. S. Mint & that the Assay of it proved incorrect and that you had told him that this was the case ever before.

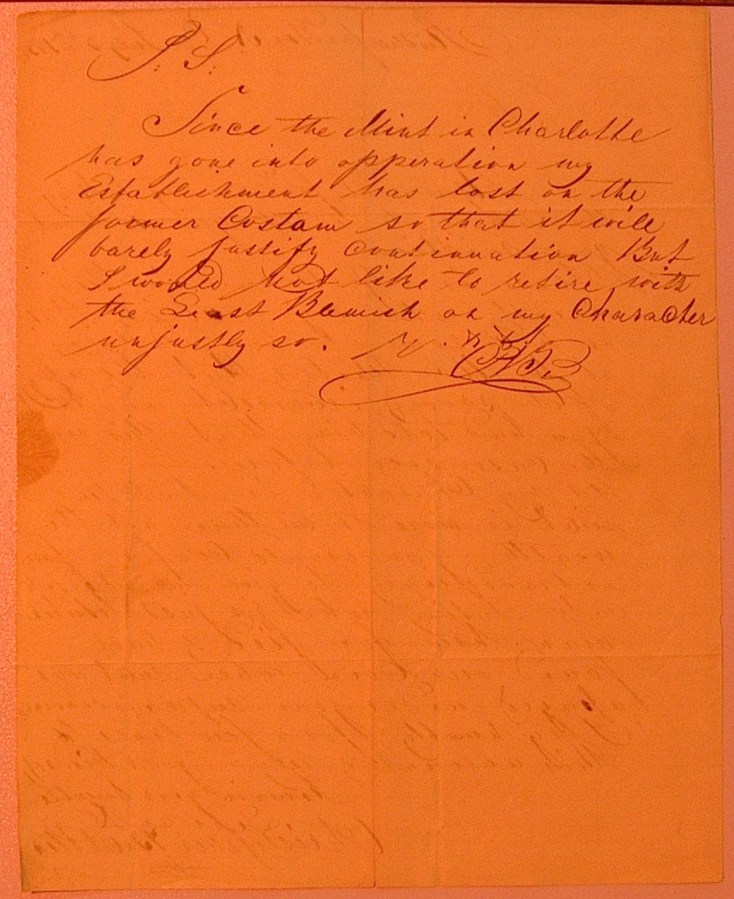
As my Character is at Stake which is more to me than all the wealth you could confer a favor extraordinary to give me a Satisfactory Solution what is just between you & me, how you find & have found our Coin when Assayed under your superintendence I beg humbly for a few lines & this amount & rely on your kindness

Remain your humble Servt

Christopher Beckham

P. S.

Since the Mint in Charlotte has gone into operation my Establishment has lost on the former Custom so that it will barely justify Continuation But I would not like to retire with the least Blemish on my Character unjustly so. Yr. &c.



Treasury Department
July 9. 1838.

Sir,

Your communication dated the 6th. inst. has been received and also Fifty dollars of the new Coinage, for which please receive my thanks.

The Collector of Philadelphia has been requested to pay you the amount, for which he will receive a credit by the deposit of a similar sum in the Bank here. See the Treasurer.

I remain very Respy
Your Obed't
Levi Woodbury
Sec. of the Treasury.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philada.

P. S. If you have them to spare I will thank you to send $25 - mint by the return of Mail.

Mint of the United States.
July 6th, 1838.

Sir,

In answer to ~~your~~ the inquiry in your letter of the 3d inst., I have to state that we cannot give silver coins, at the Mint, in exchange for gold. Your only course, for this purpose, would be to purchase, with your gold, silver bullion or foreign silver coins, and in your deposite such silver at the Mint, a return will be immediately made to you in American Coins.

R. M. P.
D

J. B. Woodis, Esq.
Cash. Farmers Bk. Va.
Norfolk.

Treasury of the United States,

6 July 1838.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive One Treasury Draft made payable to your order, together with a descriptive list of the same, combined with a receipt therefor, which you will please to sign and return to this office, by return of mail.

I am, respectfully,

Sir, your obedient servant,

John Campbell,

Treasurer of the United States.

Robt. McPherson Esq.

Washington July 6. 1838

Dear Sir.

I am very anxious to obtain five hundred Dollars in silver and half dimes from the mint and to have the same packed in a box and ready for me when I shall arrive in Philadelphia after receiving your letter. Mr Mann - has suggested to me that I might probably obtain a draft on Philadelphia pay- able in specie. by giving a draft for same from my Bro.

= ton payable in Specie
This arrangement has
been made and en-
= stand is a draft on
Philadelphia for the $500 -
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- person on me in nothing
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and help dunes - I will
pay the Eckfeldt for the
expense and trouble &c
I may write you again
before I leave &c
Very respectfully
Your
W Burbank

Mint of the United States,
July 5th, 1838.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3d, and I send with this mail, a box containing fifty of our new dollars, in compliance with your request.

You will perceive that they are of the coinage of 1836, and consequently of the old standard. The coining of dollars has not been renewed, partly because the coin is not so convenient as the half dollars, and partly because I am not satisfied with the eagle

Very respectfully,
Your faithful servt.
RMP

To
Hon. Levi Woodbury
Secy. of the Treasury

Dear Sir / Send the inclosed paper from
Gen Jno Dallas, which please read and
return to me — He says however, in his
letter, that the whole matter is regarded as
illusory by the Russian authorities

truly yours
A Gallatin

Phila 3 July 1813

Dr Patterson

Office Farmers Bank of Va.
Norfolk, July 3rd 1838

To
R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint Philadelphia

Sir,

Will you oblige me by the information if about 100,000 dollars in British Sovereigns can be converted into American Silver Coins, at the Mint, and upon what terms?

Very respectfully
Yr. mo. Ob. Servant,
S. W. Woodis
Cas

Mint U.S.
May 30/35.

Sir,

I have the honor to send you herewith a statement of the account of expenses of the Mint for executing Indian Medals, entrusted to this date, under your orders. The account is settled, and accompanied by the proper vouchers.

Chas Eckfeldt sends you by the present mail, ten Indian Medals of the largest size, under your last order, and not included in the above account.

R.M.P.

W. C. A. Harris Esq
Comm[r] Ind. Affairs.

Albany 29 Aug 1838

Sir

Permit me to introduce to you the Hon. Col Astell of the British army. Col Astell travels through our Country with the curiosity (natural to many foreigners) to see all that is curious or interesting. He would, I doubt not, be pleased to see the most any civility you may extend to him will oblige

Your friend

A Vanderpool

Mr Patterson.

(Duplicate) Philadelphia, May 28, 1838.

Received of Robert M. Patterson, Director of the Mint, One thousand dollars, being the amount in full of my charges to the government for engraving three Medals size, for Indian Medals, with the head of President Van Buren, as per agreement made with the Director, on the 4th of May, 1837.

Morris Fuerst

Dr. C. A. Harris, Commissioner of Ind. Affairs, in acct. with R. M. Patterson, Director of the Mint, for the expense attending the preparation of Indian Medals, [illegible] Cr.

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August	23	To amt. paid Adam Eckfeldt, as per receipt No. 1	1.547 44	July	24	By Cash (check D. P. Brown on Bk. Am.)	$ 523	13
"	"	" Amt. paid Moritz Furst, as per receipt No. 2	1.000 00	August	18	" Dr (Treas't. Assp on U. S.)	2.024	31
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Mint N.C.

Aug. 28th 1838

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 17th inst was received on the 21st, just after that det out to New York, whence I returned only yesterday.

You found absolutely need say, here, by my instructions in office, to refuse all claims for wages during sickness, and such is the general rule in all other manufactories, instances, sometimes occur when a part of the wages is paid; but this must be at our discretion. The question which you propose must be considered in the same light, and whether any wages are what amount that be allowed claims sickness, must be left to your judgment, with the advice of the officers, in each particular case — it being understood that the workman detained from his work, by whatever cause, can have any legal claim upon you for wages.

I would not advise you to make any difficulty as to the employment of a fireman when steam is to be raised. It is a trifling expense, and the kind of work is rather fit for a common laborer, than a smart workman.

You will find by letter sent from us, that your crucibles have been forwarded. You have rightly understood us in making, and we have sent a small pair as suggested by Mr Mackie. Black lead pots of proper sizes have been just sent, and will make your supply somewhat early. This has been caused by an old order, sent by Mr Maxwell, and of which we were not aware. Any of these pots that are not fit for your use, I will thank you to send to us, and you shall be credited for them in your account.

You have before I sent you a report on your melt No. 10, in a letter of the 30th ult. No. 9 has been duly received, and it will therefore be proper for you to send us a duplicate.

P. M. P.

To Messrs. J. P. Stirling & Co.
Sub. Br. Elliot
Parkburg &c.

P. S. Herewith I send You Bill of Lading of Crucibles shipped from New York in the 15th inst. There are 2 casks containing, per invoice, as follows.

F.B. No. 11. 1 Cask Black lead Crucibles, containing

20 Pots	No 16 is	320	numbers.	
12 "	" 25 "	300	"	
10 "	" 30 "	300	"	
8 "	" 35 "	280	"	
50 Pots	=	1200	Nos. 6. Sec.	£ 36. 00

F.B. No 12. 1 Cask Round Sand Crucibles

64 nests (3 in a nest)	@ 6s.	38.4.0
		£ 4.4.0

I sent Bill of Lading to Messrs M. Duncan & Co Savannah, some days since & requested them to have them forwarded immediately.

Yours resp.y
Geo. F. Cumming.

Mint U.S.
Aug. 28th 1858.

Gentlemen

Your letter of the 20th inst. was received at the Mint while I was absent from the city, and your application has such as could not be answered until my return. I now have to state that we will yield to your wishes, so far as to consent to pay here, to your order, for your last and only invoice of which the amount is due, viz. that of June 28, forwarded under date of July 26, Your charge is $32.61.44 Deduct for postage paid .50

Leaving due $325.44

As your letter seems to propose a termination of our former understanding as to the copper planchets, I have now to request that you will let us know the lowest cash price at which you will deliver them to us hereafter. Your charge is decidedly higher than that of Mess. Boltne,

but we have notwithstanding felt justified in giving all the orders to you, in consequence of your agreeing to receive payment in Cents. If that arrangement is to cease, it will become my duty to see that the plunchets be procured upon the most favorable terms for the government.

R. M. P.
D.

Messrs Crocker, Bixon & Co.
Sacramento, Cala.

Mint U.S.
Aug. 28 / 1838.

Dear Sir,

On my return to the Mint I find a question asked by you, in your letter of the 17th inst., unanswered. Viz whether we will give silver coins in exchange for gold foreign gold coins. I now answer that the application has been frequently made to us, and that we have been under the necessity of uniformly declining it, — a course which we are also obliged to take in the present case.

I thank you for noticing the error of $.50 made in the amount of your gold deposite, as given in the Memorandum sent to you. The error was confined to this statement, the sum in our books being the same as you give it.

R. M. P.
D.

Gen. Lawrence, Esq.
Post Bk. America N. Y.

Treasury Department
Comptr's Office E.
Augt 28. 1838

Sir

Your account as Treasurer of the Mint for Ordinary receipts and expenditures from the 1st October 1837 to 31st March 1838 has been adjusted at the Treasury and a balance of $36,319.55 found to be due from you to the United States.

I am very respectfully
your ob't Sv't

M. Burton
Accomptant

William Findlay Esqr
Treas.r of the Mint
Philad.a

Philad.a 27 Aug. 1838.

Dear Sir/ I did myself the pleasure to send
You, a paper, on the subject of gold, received from
our friend Gen.l M. Dallas. I would be much
obliged by your returning it to me thro the
Post office, at Your leisure, and remain
very truly yours
R. Maury

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint

MECHANICS' BANK.

New-York, 27 August 1836

Dear Sir,

I have received your favour of 25 Inst
with enclosures. Mr H McCutchen a clerk in our
Bank will be in your City to-morrow
with an order for the silver Coin.
Below you have his signature.

H McCutchen

I am, respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director U.S. Mint

Jn Leonard
Cash

Mint of the United States,
Aug. 25. 1835.

Sir,

The Chief Comer desires me to inform you, that the silver coins, for the deposite made by you, on the 1st inst. are now ready for delivery.

Please inform us, by return of mail, when they will be called for.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful Servt.
R. M. Patterson,
Director

per Geo. T. Downing
Director's Clerk.

To
Jno. Gouverd, Esq.
Cash. Mech. Bank
N. Y.

Boston, August 23. 1838.

Dear Sir,

Your very obliging letter of the 15th inst., in answer to my inquiries which were communicated to you through the kindness of Mr. Sparks, — was received on Saturday last. I beg you to accept my sincere thanks for the interest which you manifest in the success of my project, and for the trouble you have taken in my behalf. It has given me great pleasure to learn, from an authentic source, several interesting facts in relation to the history of the Coinage of the United States, about which I could not satisfy myself, even after pretty extensive inquiry.

You do not inform me Mess^rs, in what manner, you wish me to remit and pay for the coins which Mr. DuBois is laying aside for me. In this matter I wish to consult your and his convenience. I will take them in parcels, as they are collected, or wait until the collection is as nearly complete as may be, as you please. I have a friend who expects, shortly, to go to Phil^a. — and I shall ask him to call at the Mint, and make inquiry into this matter. But if you should wish the coins already collected to be taken away immediately, be good enough to advise me on the subject, and I will

result found to you; in any form you may direct.

Do you know what is the device on the half dimes of 179-? If so, - be good enough to tell me, in your next, - whether you are inclined to unite one again. The day before I received your letter, I picked up a small silver Coin, much worn - about the size of the half dimes, - which I have thought, since I heard from you, - might possibly be one of the half dimes of '9-. This, however, is mere conjecture. One side is worn almost smooth. On the other are seven arrows, tied together in the middle, - crossing each other - both extremities being extended, so as to resemble, somewhat, two fans, joined together at the base. The only legible figure of the date is a 7; - but whether this is the second or third figure of the date, I cannot tell. I have never seen the device on any foreign Coin, - tho' I have read, at various times, a great number.

Very truly,
Yr. obliged & obt. Svt.
W. G. Steand.

R. M. Patterson Esq.
Mint of the U. S. -

The coin in question a dime of 1791

Bank of Pittsburgh Augt 22. 1838

Dear Sir

I have received your favor of the 20th Inst enclosing a Statement of the Balances deposited by this Bank a few days since — there appears however to be an error of $5. in the addition of the several sums of gross Value of the Bars, the whole amount should be $27531.58 instead of $27526.58 as per Statement —

I thank you for the information of the Value of Gold being obliged by Communication in your letter —

I remain very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Jas Marshall Cash

Robt Patterson Esq
Director Mint
Philada

New York Aug 22. 1838

R. M. Patterson Esq
Philada

Sir. In conformity with your wish expressed in a letter to Geo. Newbold Esq under date the 17th inst, we have now the pleasure to forward you by the Transportation Line, as per Bill of Lading prepared, one box containing Ten Ingots of Russia Copper, the freight of which we have paid here - We beg that you will do us the favor to give this Copper a trial at your earliest convenience, and advise us of the result - We are, Very Respectfully

Your obt Servants

Newbold Trotter

Mint of the U. S.
Aug 21. 1838.

Sir,

Your letter of the 20th, requesting the Director to send you $2000, in dimes, and authorizing him to draw on you for that amount, was received this morning.

In the absence of the Director, the Chief Coiner desires me to say, that the Custom of the Mint requires that, to obtain gold or silver Coins, a deposite of Bullion or foreign Coins, should be made at the Mint; and he suggests that you should, through Col. Page or some other Agent, deposite $2000 in foreign Coins, say Mexican dollars. In this case, notwithstanding the great demand for these Coins, he promises to ~~deliver~~ the amount in dimes, within 3 days from the date of deposite.

Very respectfully
Yours &c.
R. M. Patterson
Director

To/
P. R. Goddington, Esqr.
Post Master,
New York.

per Ord. F. Anning
Director's Clerk.

Mint of the United States,
Aug. 21. 1838.

Sir,

Your letter, dated yesterday, inquiring if you can be furnished with small coins, and what is received in exchange, at the Mint, came to hand this morning.

In the absence of the Director, the Chief Coiner desires me to say, that, to obtain Silver Coins, it is necessary to make a deposite of Silver Bullion, or foreign Silver Coins, at the Mint, where also, the coins are paid, thus requiring the agency of some person there.

The coins are usually ready for delivery on the 2d or 3d day after the deposite is made. But, owing to the unprecedented demand for small coins, we regret to say that they can not now be promised, with certainty, in less than 3 weeks.

Very respectfully,
Yours &c.
R. M. Patterson,
Director
per Gil. D. Manning,
Director's Clerk.

To
W. B. Bolles, Esq.
Pres. N. U. Fire Ins. Co
New York

Office of the New York Stock Exc.ge &
New York August 20th 1838

To the Director of the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir.

I am desirous to obtain $20 or $50
dollars in Silver coin of small denominations, please advise
whether you can accommodate me with any & what amount
& at the same time inform me what you receive in exchange.

Your attention will oblige Yours Very Respectfully

H. Davis.

Cashier

Taunton Augt 20th 1838.

R. M. Patterson Esqr
Director U.S. Mint.
Dear Sir.

The demand for Copper Coin in this part of the country, having nearly ceased, and having on hand instead the last few invoices of cents, our manufacture of planchets has in consequence been greatly reduced. We write this to inform you of the above facts; that you may not depend on finding vent for the whole through us, for the same amount of coin, as for the year past. and also to inquire whether it will suit you, to pay us the whole or any part of the amount due us, by Bank checks as heretofore instead of cents.

We do not, of course, claim to be paid in a different way from our understanding viz: in cents. but as we have now so large an amount unsold, & supposing you would probably wish to have a stock of planchets to supply your regular demand, we thought you might be willing to retain what we have now on hand for that object.

Very Respectfully
Your obt Servts
Crocker Bros & Co

Dear Sir P. O. New York Aug. 20. 38

If in your power to send me $2000 in demis please draft draw on me at Sight for that Amt. Col Page will no doubt take Charge of them & send them with the Mail & much Oblige Yours

Very Respectfully

J. Hoddington
PM

To/ R.M.W Pallerson Esq
Director of the Mint
Phila

Mint of the United States,
Aug. 20. 1838.

Sir,

Your letter of the 17th inst. was not received until this morning.

Enclosed, you will find a Memorandum of the Deposite, made by Mr. Brinkerhoff, on Saturday, and for which, ~~XX~~ Coins are now ready for delivery.

In regard to the value of Patriot Doubloons, the Assayer remarks:— "You are of course familiar with the the fact, that in consequence of the recent division of Colombia into three States, we have now the following distinct coinages of Colombian or Patriot gold, viz:- Prior to the partition, (1.) doubloons of Bogota, and (2.) of Popayan.— Since the partition, (3.) doubloons of Bogota, with a shield &c. (4.) doubloons of Ecuador; and probably of Venezuela also; but none of the last kind have reached the Mint as yet.— They may be rated as follows:—

No. 1, weight 17 dwt. 8½ gn. val. $15.62, per dwt. 90. cts
No. 2. " do " do " " 15.38, " " 88.7
No. 3 " do " do " " 15.62 " " 90.

For variations in weight, of single pieces, add or deduct 3½ cts. per grain. The above is the average of clean pieces, little or not at all worn. Doubloons of Ecuador are not well enough ascertained, to be confidently reported."

~~The Director intends to be out of the city for a few days~~

The Director is now absent from the City, & will be, for a few days; Your proposition for an exchange of foreign gold coins for Silver Coins, shall be submitted to him immediately on his return. As it is not in accordance with the custom of the Mint, We are unable to decide upon it.

Very respectfully
Your faithful Servant,
R. M. Patterson
Director
per Geo. F. Denning,
Director's Clerk.

To
Geo. Newbold, Esq
Cash. Bk. America
New York

Mint of the United States
Aug. 15th, 1838.

Dear Sir,

Mr. Speaker's letter of the 19th of June, inclosing your inquiries respecting the coinage at this Mint, was duly received, and was immediately put into the hands of one of our officers to procure the information asked; when, unfortunately, in the pressure of business at that time, it was entirely omitted from my mind, and I have therefore now to apologize for a delay in attending to this correspondence, which I sincerely regret.

In reply to your first queries, I have to state that the first coinage at the Mint was made in 1792, and consisted of about 1500 half-dimes;—no other coins having been struck in that year. In 1793 there was no coinage except of cents and half-cents,—which were also coined in '94 and '95.——In 1794, in addition to the copper coinage, there were struck 5300 half dollars and 1758 dollars. These dollars are now very scarce—we have but one specimen, and that is worn.—

In 1795, Dollars, ~~Half~~ Half dollars, ~~and Half~~ dimes were coined; and, in the first gold coinage was made, consisting of 2795 eagls, and 8707 half eagles.

Cents were certainly coined with the date 1823, for I have now a specimen before me; but no coining of cents was made in that year, from the Coin or to the Treasury, and hence the omission in our table. The year two dollar of 1824 must, I presume, be explained in the same way, but we have no specimen of this coinage in our collection.

Our Assistant Assayer, Mr. Du Bois, has undertaken to make, as far as practicable, the collection of gold coins which you ask for; and he at early [illegible] for you the following is:

Eagles of 1797, 1799, 1800, 1801, 1803, 1804.
Half eagles of 1795, 1800, and from 1802 to 1813, both included.

As to the ~~the coins~~ silver and copper coins, ~~you~~ the opportunity of making collections is not granted at the Mint, as no such coins as you [illegible] have on deposite. If, however, any of the coins you ask should come into our hands, you shall not be forgotten.

We will give us great pleasure to aid you in your interesting duties, and whenever you think it may be in my power to do so, I pray you to call on me freely.

R. M. P.

To/
W. G. Stearns, Esq.
Boston.

Bank of America Augt 17 1858

Dear Sir

Mr Blanchenhoff left this Morning and was detained at the Mint the Gold mentioned in My Despatch of yesterday —

Will you do me the favor to advise me by Return Mail of the Mint Value of Patriot Doubloons, that is, what they were previous to American Gold Coin — If there is a difference in the Value of the Bogota & this having the impression of a ♡ and the Popayan please State the Respective Value of each —

The demand for Silver Change of half Dollars and under, was begun up to obtain a further supply before Many weeks, and it will suit you to furnish us with One or two hundred Thousand Dollars in Exchange for foreign Gold Coins to that amount —

Respectfully
Your Obt Servt

Jno. McCulloch Cashr

Robt Patterson Esq
Director Mint
Philad

Mint N C
Aug 17 / 58.

Dear Sir,

I have just received your letter of the 15th inst with a check to my order, ~~for $4~~ on the Bank of the United States, for $400, for which you ask Cents with a small quantity of half cents. They shall be sent to you immediately, but we have found it impracticable to send the amount in ~~your~~ Bags of $100 each, and have been obliged to send three only.

R. M. T.

Wright Southgate, Esq
Cash. Exchange Bank
Norfolk, Va.

Mint U.S.
Aug 17 / 58.

Dear Sir,

I have just received your letter of yesterday announcing a remittance of gold bars, which we will attend to as usual.

As to the copper, I have to state that we do not manufacture our own copper planchets at the Mint, and therefore cannot vote the bars for copper coinage; but, if they be worthy of superior quality, we should be glad to have a portion for alloy, and I will thank you to send us, per train, ten bars.

Yr. M.P.

To
Geo. Nixbold, Esq
Pres't Bank of America
New York.

Bank of Pennsa Augt 16 1838

Dear Sir

I shall forward from this Bank
to morrow Morning under Charge of Mr Bruckhoff,
a Box Containing 5 Ingots of Gold for Coinage
for our account — Memorandum of the Bars will
be duly remitted — We have Examined the
Gold by the last Packet on account of the 5th
Instalment of the Neapolitan Indemnity and
Swiss — thank you to favor me with a State-
-ment of its Value at your earliest Convenience

I Remain with great Respect
Your obt Servt
Geo Washington Hoff

Robt Patterson Esqr
Director of the Mint
Philada

				weight	Fineness
1 Ingot of Gold	No	6311	Nr	9802	= 0995
1 " "		6336	"	9963.5	= 0996
1 " "		14864	"	7120.5	= 0999
1 " "		14866	"	7406.5	= 0999
1 " "		14865	"	7362.5	= 0998

(over)

P.S. Permit me to ask if you would purchase at this time a quantity of Copper for the use of the Mint, My Son who is in London has long Reasons from France about 1200 Bags or Kegs of Copper weighing about 20^{lbs} each, which is represented by the Messrs Rothschild of Paris to be of superior quality. If you should desire to purchase or wish to try it, a Bar shall be sent for your examination & proof.

Yr. Mo. Ob. Servt

U.S.S. Boston
S.W. Pass
Aug: 17. 1838

My Dear Sir,

His excellency, Monsieur le Baron de Normanville, Belgian Minister to Mexico, who has been our passenger from Tampico to this place, designs visiting Philadelphia in a flying tour of the U. States, as I feel a national interest that he should receive the very best impression of our country and particularly of your city, I have taken the liberty thus to introduce him to you.

With the greatest respect
I am as ever, your
& gratefully attached
friend
E.H. Conway.

Dr. R.M. Patterson
Director of the U.S. Mint:
Philadelphia

Exchange Bank of Virginia
Norfolk Aug. 15. 1838

Capt. Robert F. Patterson

Dear Sir

Be pleased to send me by the first conveyance to this Port, four Kegs, each containing One hundred Dollars in Cents, with a small proportion of half cents, if any are now coined. The enclosed draft on the U States Bank for $400 will meet the payment of the same

Very respt. yours

Dwight Southgate
Cas

Treasury of the United States.

Sept 16, 1836

Sir,

Enclosed you will receive a Treasury Draft made payable to your order, together with a descriptive list of the same, combined with a receipt therefor, which you will please to sign and return to this office, by return of mail.

I am, respectfully,

Sir, your obedient servant,

John Campbell,

Treasurer of the United States.

R. M. Patterson Esqr

Dear Sir,

We are very much in want of small change at Mint & think it would be much obliged if you could spare us some $50 in 10 & 5 Cent pieces, or that would suppose them, must at least until we can arrange for a larger sum.

I am Your Obt Servt

Otis Ammidon
Treasr

Augt 15. 1838

Dr. Robt M. Patterson
Director of the Mint

Coinage in millions of dolls.	Waste.	Silver alloy.	Salaries of Officers.	Wages of Labour.	Contingt. Expt.	Sum of Expt.	Gain by remelting	Gain on Copper Coinage	Sum of gains.	Difference being the actual expenses	Cost of Coining 100 dolls.
	Dolls.	Dolls.	Dolls.	Dolls.	Dolls.	Dolls.	Dolls.	Dolls.	Dolls.	Dolls.	D. Cts.
2 mil.	4,848	267	20,400	23,000	13,483	61,998	3,939	10,000	13,939	48.059	2.40
3 mil.	7,273	400	20,400	23,000	15,150	69,223	5,908	10,000	15,908	53.315	1.78
4 mil.	9,697	533	20,400	23,000	22,816	76,446	7,878	10,000	17,878	58.568	1.46
5 mil.	12,121	667	20,400	23,000	27,483	83,671	9,847	10,000	19,847	63.824	1.27
6 mil.	14,545	800	20,400	23,000	32,150	90,895	11,817	10,000	21,817	69.078	1.15
7 mil.	16,970	933	20,400	23,900	36,817	99,020	13,788	10,000	23,788	75.234	1.07
8 mil.	19,394	1067	20,400	24,800	41,483	107,444	15,758	10,000	25,758	81.388	1.02
9 mil.	21,818	1200	20,400	25,700	46,150	115,268	17,725	10,000	27,725	87.543	.97
10 mil.	24,242	1333	20,400	26,600	50,817	123,392	19,695	10,000	29,695	93.697	.94
11 mil.	26,667	1466	20,400	27,500	55,483	131,516	21,664	10,000	31,664	99.852	.91
12 mil.	29,091	1600	20,400	28,400	60,150	139,641	23,634	10,000	33,634	106.007	.88

Mint U.S.
Aug 14th 38.

Sir,

I have duly received your letter of the 11th inst., making inquiry respecting small silver coins. In answer, I have to state, that such coins can be procured here only in exchange for foreign silver coins or bullion deposited at the Mint, when also the returns are made so that it will be necessary to put the business in the hands of some agent here.

I ought to be objected to add, that, even after the deposits, you will be necessarily subjected to some delay, — probably not less than a month, — before the return, in small coins, can be made to you. The demand for such coins is unparalleled, and, though constantly engaged in making them, we have now at least $100,000 worth to deliver for deposits actually made on hand.

To/ Mr. Pierce Esq. / Cash. Bank of Troy / N. Y.

R. M. P.

Mint U S
Aug. 14, 1838

Sir,

I have this day drawn on you for One hundred dollars, to pay for $60 in cents and $40 in half cents ordered by you in your letter of the 10th inst. for the Post Office at Utica, and forwarded accordingly.

Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
R. M. P.
Dr

To
W. T. Coddington Esq.
Post Master
New York

Mint U.S.
Aug 13 1838.

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 11th inst. I have to state, that small Coins can be procured from the Mint, only in exchange for foreign Coins or bullion of fixed, deposited at the Mint. I ought to add that the unprecedented demand on the Mint for such Coins will probably subject you to a delay, probably of a month, before the Coins could be forwarded to you.

R. M. P.
Dir

To
Jno. S. Deaver, Esq.
Cash. Merchants & Commercial Bank
Natchez, Miss.

Bank of Penn August 11 1859

Sir

We find ourselves in the Institution in want of small change say quarters dimes & half dimes. Can you supply us with $1000. in quarters $1000. in Dimes and $1000. in half dimes and how soon and how much we pay you for the same. I suppose one of the Philadelphia Banks would probably deposit with you that amount of specie and receive pay in one draft on sight on New York; though perhaps not the description you might prefer. In disbursing the money for the Improvement of the Harbor from [illegible] this change is particularly desirable. Yours respectfully

Thos Fannin Cashier

Wm. Patterson
Director of the U. States Bank

New England Commercial Bank
Newport August 11 1838

Sir/

Please advise me if you can furnish
$500 in quarters $300 in dimes & $200 in half dimes
and whether a check on New York will be received
in payment if not what description of coin
will be taken.

I am Your Most Obt Servt
Geo. S. Weaver Cash.

R. M. Patterson Esq.
Director Mint of U. S.
Philada

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

Second Auditor's Office.

11 August 1838.

Sir:

A Requisition, No. 218 dated 10 Inst.
drawn by the Secretary of War on the Treasury, has this day been received, and sent to the proper office for a Warrant to be issued in your favor, for
Two thousand & twenty four 31/100 Dollars,
which will be transmitted to you by the Treasurer of the United States, and for which sum you are held accountable under the following Appropriation:

Expenses of Indian Medals 1838 - $2,024.31

On receipt whereof be pleased to forward an acknowledgment to this office, addressed to the Auditor, W.B. Lewis.

Respectfully, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
James Barkin
a. and

R. M. Patterson Esq.
Director of the Mint
Philada

Mint U. S.
Aug 10th 1838.

~~Portland~~

Sir,

A deposite was made at the Mint, by your Company in January last, the Amount of which is $35,072.26, and the Coins have never been sent for. Let me call your attention to the ~~matter~~ business now. We are anxious that it should be settled. The Coins were ready for delivery within ten or three days after the deposite was made.

R. M. P.
&

To
President of
Union Manufacturing Comp.
Maryland.

Mint of the United States,
Aug 10. 1838.

Sir,

Your Letter of the 7th inst., with a Check, for $300, enclosed, has been duly received. Cents to this amount were forwarded to you from here on the 4th inst.

I return your Check of Aug. 31st, for $300.—

Very respy.,
Your faithfl. Servt.
(Signed) R. M. Patterson,
Director

To
Wm. L. S. Mercer, Esqr.,
Cash. Seneca Co. Bank,
Waterloo, N. Y.

War Department
Office Indian Affs
August 10th 1838

Sir

Your letter of the 7th instant has been received with the receipt enclosed thereof, in favor of Mssrs Andrews.

The usual request was opened for a remittance to you of the sum of 2074.21/100, on the 21st ultimo, but, as it now appears, it cannot be issued beyond this Office. To prevent any further delay, a duplicate requisition is this issued, with a request to transmit the amount to you.

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
D Kurtz
act Jr Commr

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director U.S. Mint.
Philadelphia

Mint U. S.
Aug - 9. 1838.

Sir. The Amt. of Gold remaining uncoined at the Mint, on the 30th June 1838. was — $101.007

Deposites in July —

Bullion of the U. S. — — $5.352.
Foreign Bullion — — 59.448.
" Coins — — — 78.325. — 143.145
$244.152

Coinage in July: —

Pr Half eagles — — — 120.525
Remaining uncoined July 31. 1838. — $123.627

Very respy
Yr. faithf. Servt.
R. M. P. —
Director.

To / Hon. Levi Woodbury,
Sec of Treasury.

Hartford Con. Aug. 9. 1838.

Sir

One Hundred & fifty Dollars
enclosed, which am pleased forward in
cents. Oblig. &c.
Y. Ob. Sr
Lloyd Arnold

J. R. M. Patterson Esq
U. S. Mint

Mint of the United States.
August 8th, 1838.

Sir,

I send you herewith a plot of the ground occupied by the Mint, and of the adjoining lots. You will see by it that the buildings cover nearly the whole of the ground belonging the government, the open space to the west being only 14 feet wide. The evil of this want of room is already very sensibly felt, and might become much more serious hereafter. We have now no suitable place for our wood and coal, nor for our blacksmith's shop; ~~nor a smelting furnace~~. We have no ground on which we can erect a smelting-furnace, and in consequence we shall now to send our sweep and matte-stuff to England, for the purpose of recovering the gold and silver which they contain. The government sent an agent to Europe to learn the process of refining by sulphuric acid. This agent, who is now on

office of the Mint, made himself master of the subject; but we have no place where a sulphuric acid refinery can be erected, at the Mint in fact when it shall be judged proper to do so. In fact any extension of the operations of the mint which would require an additional building would be impracticable. If the late independent treasury bill, which would have made the mint a kind of specie bank, had become a law, we should have been exceedingly embarrassed from the circumstance that there are no rooms in the Mint unoccupied, and no grounds adjoining the mint on which they could be erected. Besides, we are unable to have the light and air that is not interrupted by buildings now being erected on our line to the West, and as the melting-room and refinery are on this side of the mint, the evil would be a most serious one.

Under these circumstances, I have been solemnly anxious, from the time of my coming to the city, that the government should become possessed of a vacant lot adjoining the Mint to the West, and extending 104 feet on Penn Square, and 100 on Broad Street, as marked in the plan, which could be bought for $7,000, and, as this was thought a fair price, you may remember, on the subject by my friend Mr. R. Rane Esq., on the subject of making the purchase for the use of the Mint. You answered, very properly, that this could not be done without a law of Congress for the purpose, and, as we all knew the effect on prices of the government coming openly into the market, the project was abandoned for the time.

A most favorable opportunity of making this acquisition has just been pursued, and advantage has been taken of

it. The lot was brought to the
riff's sale, on the night before last,
and our Chief Owner Mr. Eck-
feld and myself purchased it
at the very moderate price of $
20,100. Our sole object now to
secure this property for the Mint,
and we shall accordingly execute
a covenant to show that we hold
it in trust for this purpose, and
that it shall be made over to the United
States, provided Congress shall,
upon this next adjournment,
make an appropriation for the pur-
chase at the actual cost to us.
If this be not done, we shall re-
gret the circumstance in the public
account, but we feel assured
that our private advantage will
be more effectually secured by
selling the lots to individuals;—
the situation lies one of the most
desirable in the city.

I do not make this com-
munication to you with the ex-
pectation that you can now take
any step in the matter, but

merely for the purpose of explain-
ing to you the nature of the transac-
tion, and of attracting towards
it your favorable attention.

R. M. P.

Hon. Levi Woodbury
Secretary of the Treasury.

Mint of U.S.
Aug. 8th 1838

Sir,

Your letter of the 6th was duly received yesterday.

Our Chief Coiner thinks he can safely promise you small Coins in a fortnight. That they may be in the appointment, however, I will let you know as soon as they are ready.

R. M. P.

Jno. Leonard, Esq.
Cash'r Mechanics Bank
New York

Mount Holly
Aug. 8, 1838.

Sir,

I have duly received your letter of the 6th inst., with a check to my order on the Leather Manufacturers' Bank at New York, for $125, ★ for which you ask me to send you that amount in cents. As the check is not equivalent to specie at this place, it cannot now be received by us in payment ~~for cents~~; but, as our Banks are pledged to resume specie payments on the 13th, I retain it, and, if then received on deposite, the amount in cents shall be forwarded as you request.

R. M. S.

To
L. J. Offin, Esq.
Cash. ~~Leather Manufacturers Bank~~
Hudson River Bank
Hudson N. Y.

Mont. M. C.
Aug 7th 1838

Sir,

I delayed sending the enclosed receipt now enclosed, in the daily expectation of receiving from the Secretary, the Remains necessary for settling the account of Indian Medals, viz $2024.31. This remittance, however, has not yet come to hand.

Mr. Eckfeldt informs me that the Indian Medals shall be ready for delivery in the course of a week or ten days.

R. M. P.

To
C. A. Harris, Esq.
Superintendent of Indian Affairs.

Harlem River Park

Aug 5. 1858

R. M. Pattison Esq

Dear Sir

I send my Apt

Lots No. Park $250 for in

please forward me a Key of Entry

Very Respectfully

G. [illegible]

MECHANICS' BANK.

New-York, 6 August 1835

Dear Sir,

I have received your favour of 3 Inst
with enclosures. If you think the delay will not
exceed four weeks, I prefer waiting
until then, in order to have the dimes
& half dimes.

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director U. S. Mint
Phil.a

I am, respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Jno Leonard
Cash.

Mint of the United States,
Aug. 3. 1838.

Dear Sir,

I send enclosed a Memorandum of the result of your deposites of Mexican dollars made on the 1st inst. You can have the half-quarter dollars asked for in return, whenever you choose to make application for them; but I regret to say, that the $14.000 which you ask in dimes & half-dimes, can not be given without some delay, as there is about $30.000 worth of small coins to be delivered before yours, and the labor of making so large a number of pieces is considerable. I cannot tell how long you must wait for these small coins, but I hope the delay will not exceed two ~~weeks~~ weeks.

The receipt of the Bill of Lading, yesterday, removed all difficulty as to our advancing the payment for the transportation of your bullion from New York.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful Servt.

R. M. Patterson
Director

To/
Jno. Leonard, Esq.,
Cash't. Mechanic's Bank,
New York

Mechanics' Bank,

New York, 2 August 1838

Dear Sir,

I have received your favour of 1 Inst
with enclosures. I will be obliged to draw at four
will pay the Bill of the U. States Transportation Dist.
deduct the amount And am, respectfully,

Your Obt. Servt.

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director
U. S. Mint

W. Leonard
Cash

Mint of the United States
August 1st, 1838.

Dear Sir,

The ten bags of Mexican dollars sent by you to the Mint per steamer from here safely received, and your instructions as to coins desired shall be attended to.

The memorandum of value &c. shall be sent to you tomorrow, and the time named at which the returns will be made.

R. M. J.

To
Wm. Leonard Esq.
Cash. Mech. Bk.
N. O.

Mint U.C.
Sept. 27th 38.

Dear Sir,

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th inst. In reply I have to state that all your ~~information~~ dates respecting American Coins are now obsolete being true only of the Silver coins issue the ~~1st~~ 1st of January 1837, and of the gold coins issue the 1st of August 1834. To give you full information on the subject I send you, by the next mail, a pamphlet copy of all the Mint laws now in force.

The legal Standard of the British Sovereign is, as you state, 22 carats which is equal to 916⅔ thousandths. If your assistant might think there is an error. Forty pounds Troy of Standard gold are made into 1869 Sovereigns, giving the weight of each Sovereign = 123.2744 grains.

The value of the sovereign in our American gold, should therefore be $4.8665. My numerous examinations of British gold made, at this mint, upon a large scale, show, however, that the actual quality of the gold does not average more than 915‰ & the average weight more than 122.88 grains. The Smithsonian legacy, last brought to the mint this month, consisted of 104960 sovereigns, and produced an average of $4.84 3/10 per sovereign.

The alloy of the British gold contains almost invariably, silver as well as copper, — the proportions varying, as they do in all gold coins.

The statement in the American Almanac as to the United States gold is copied from one of my reports, & I believe it to be correct, but I know not the book by me.

I do not know of any collection of our gold ores which you could procure for the Cabinet of your University, but I will make inquiry, and if I know of any, will let you know.

P. M. P.

Prof. H. W. Webster,
Harvard University.

Mint
Sept. 27 1838.

Dear Sir,

I have duly received your letter of the 24th with your check on the Mechanic Bank of Newport for Two hundred & fifty dollars — for which, according to your instructions, the amount in cents shall be immediately forwarded to the Bank of Rochester.

We cannot give small silver coin except for a deposite of foreign silver coin or bullion made at the Mint. Our returns also must be made at the Mint. It will therefore be necessary for you to employ an agent here. I am sorry to add that the unparalleled demand for these coins will subject you to some delay in obtaining them, even after the your deposite is made.

R. M. P.

To E. E. Kendrick, Esq.
Cash. Mech. & Farm. Bk. Albany N.Y.

Mint Yard
Sep. 27 1838.

Gentlemen,

I send you enclosed a Memorandum of the ~~the~~ your deposits made on the 19th inst., by the hands of Mr. Vanpelt.

We are not yet quite prepared to pay the balance due to you. We'll let you know as soon as we can do.

Respectfully
R. M. Patterson
Director

To
Messrs Prime, Ward & King,
New York.

New York Sep 20. 1858

R. M. Patterson Esq
Philad.a

Sir, We have to thank you for your favor of yesterdays date with Check on Girard Bank for $39.70, and enclosing also a warrant for same amount. The check has been passed to our credit at the Bank of America, and the warrant we now return signed according to your request.

We remain, Respectfully
Your Mo. obt. Servants
Archbold & Craft

Girard Bank
Oct 26. 1838

Dear Sir,

Having felt satisfied that you
would (but) all right, I said nothing to the
New York Bank on the subject of the Specie
deposite, yesterday. —

To day I advise Mr Withers, that I have
received every thing but the Specie Coin, for which
he must wait his time.

Your truly Respectfully
W Lewis Jr.

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director U. S. Mint

Philada. Sept. 25. 1838.

Girard Bank,

Pay to Morbold & Croft or order,
Thirty nine Dollars & 70 cents
$ 39.70. (Signd) R. M. Patterson.

Mint of the U. S.
Sept. 25. 1838.

Gentlemen,

I have no other means of transmitting the payment for your bill of Copper, except by sending my private Check, which will be returned, I am sure, at the Bank of America.

Our Melter & Refiner Mr. Peale, is absent from Philadelphia at this time, and I cannot therefore give you so explicit an answer to your inquiry respecting the quality of the Copper as I could wish. I know, however, that the trials were very satisfactory, and I believe that Mr. Peale was desirous of a pretty large supply for alloy. He will write to you, on the subject, upon his return.

Very respy,
Yr faithfl Servt
(Signed) R. M. Patterson
Director

To
Mess. Morbold & Croft,
New York.

P. S. Be so good as to return the inclosed warrant, Signed.

U. S. Mint
Sept. 26th, 1838.

Dear Sir,

I regret exceedingly that I was not made acquainted, in time, with the difficulty made yesterday, to run accordingly to the wishes of the Bank of the State of New York, by returning $10,000 of the deposite transferred to them by Rowland and Aspinwall, to be made into small coins.

In many kinds of deposits, such for example as Mexican dollars, the mint-deductions are different for small and for large coins; and, when no instructions are given by the depositor, we always make our charges for large coins. Now the depositors suppose, in this case, we desire to have small coins, and therefore our Treasurer thought they could not be properly given in return for the deposite. The act, however, fully

acquainted with the circumstances of the case.
Of the deposits made by Messrs Howland and Aspinwall were there $10,000 worth or of a kind which can be made into small coins without any special charge; and I therefore had stated to you that the Bank could have small coins, if they would consent to await their time — a promise of which the Treasurer was not aware.

The only course that can now be taken is that you shall retain the $10,000 in bullion, as paid to you yesterday; and, as soon as we are able to replace them with small coins we will do so.

I pray you to inform the New York Bank of the circumstances of this transaction. It is my desire and my determination always to comply with the wishes of depositors, when it is legal and practicable to do so. I regret that the unprecedented demand for small silver coins should render necessary, with regard to them, a delay which we have succeeded in removing as to the rest of our coinage.

P. M. S.
Jr

To
Wm. D. Lewis, Esq.
Cashr Girard Bank

Rochester Monroe Co N.Y.
Sept 24th 1838

R M Pattison Esq
Comptr of the Mint
Dear Sir

Pleas sym loan my off on the
Mer Bk of Rochester for $250. have the goods sent to the
Bk of Rochester Monroe Co. N.Y. the same are in casks

Can you let us have a few thousand Dolly
in 1/2 dimes - direct signatures.

Our payment is pressing
are pay mgmoons heavy tax so shall not pay out Silly
less than 25 after 10th we cannot get along without some
small change

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
E. Ellwood Jr

Cambridge Mass^{a} Sept 24th 1834

R. M. Patterson Esq

Dear Sir

Having occasion to make use of some facts relating to the coinage of the country, I beg permission to trouble you on the subject. Will you oblige me by informing me if the statements below are correct, & if not I shall be greatly obliged to you for any corrections, & am

with great respect

yrs &c. J. W. Webster

Prof^{r} of Chemistry H. College

Standard silver of U. S. 1485 parts fine silver & 179 parts copper. The dollar contains 416 grains of standard silver, of which 371 $\frac{1}{4}$ grains are of pure silver & 44 $\frac{3}{4}$ grs alloy. The troy pound of standard silver contains 10 oz 14 dwts 4 $\frac{5}{13}$ grs fine silver, & 1 oz 5 dwts, 19 $\frac{8}{13}$ grs alloy – coined into 13 $\frac{11}{13}$ dollars; or 13 oz standard silver are coined into 15 dollars.

Gold coin of U. S. 11 g. 1 copper of which 22 lbs troy are coined into 934 sovereigns & one half sovereign – one lb produces nearly 46 $\frac{29}{40}$ sovereigns

Standard g. of U. S. consists of 11 fine gold to 1 alloy of silver & copper in any convenient proportion provided the silver do not exceed the copper

The eagle of 10 Dr. contains 270 grs standard gold
of which 247 1/2 grs are fine + 22 1/2 grs alloy. The Fre
th of standard gold contains 11 oz fine + 1 oz alloy
+ is coined into 16 eagles (or 160 Dr.) The French ordina
value of fine gold to fine silver in U.S. is as 15 to
+ 1 the fine gold is worth 15 fine silver.
24 3/4 grs fine gold are equivalent to 1 Dollar
or 371 1/4 fine silver in the dollar.

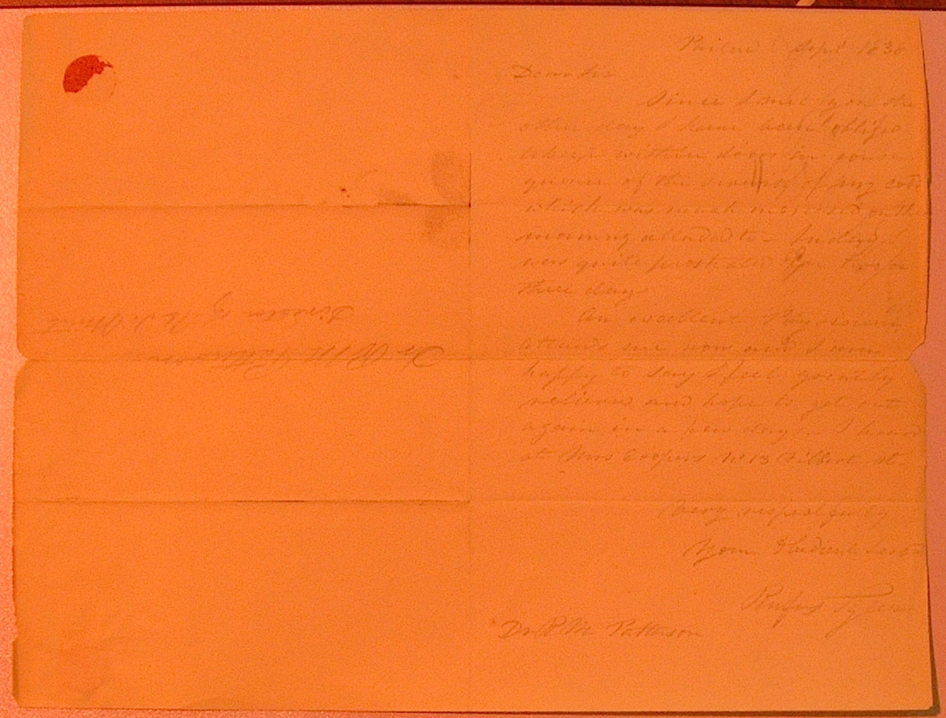
May the statement on page 135 of the Americ
almanac for 1838 require any alteration, as to
quantity of gold received at the mint from the
U.S. mines or workings?

May I take this opportunity to ask if a
few good specimens of our gold ores can be
purchased or obtained by exchange from
the Cabinet of Minerals of our University?
+ if the former the probable value.

Respt & ac Gross.

Recd Sept. 21st 1838 from the Bank of the U. States
for the Credit of the Merchants Bank of Baltimore
25 Bags Said to Contain 25000 Mexican Dollars for
Coinage.

For Wm Finalay Jr. of Mint
Ed. Sprague



Dear Doctor,

Will you have the goodness to examine the enclosed and let me know in what manner and at what terms you will settle for them.—

I shall wish the species put up at the mint, as it is to emigrate.

Yours truly

W Lewis Jr

WB Sept 20.

Dr Patterson

Aforesaid — that silver could not be given for gold — that eagles & half eagles must be waited for if required — that the gold & silver could be paid for in half & quarter eagles, & half dollars, immediately.

Philadelphia Sept 20/38.

Dear Sir

I took the liberty some time ago to mention to you that I was without employment. It was in March that when you made the inquiry "how business goes" & if I be not mistaken I understood you that you would endeavour to do something for me. It appears to me that some person has deprived me of your friendship by feelings towards me by misrepresentations. You may not suppose that I never have had nor have shown any ill-will towards you or any other of the officers of the mint or indeed towards any body else; but on the contrary I have always spoken in the highest terms of you & Mr Eckfeldt. I therefore flatter myself that I shall be so fortunate as to obtain some business through you & him.

I am my Respectfully
Your Obdt. Servant
Moritz Furst

To
Dr R. M. Patterson
Director of U.S. Mints

Treasury Department
Second Auditor's Office
18th Sept 1835

Sir

You are credited $2,547 24/100 being the amount paid to Adam Eckfeldt & Moritz Furst, for Dies and Medals for Indians, and your a/c closed on the books of this Office.

Respectfully
Your Obd't Serv't
W P Harris

R M. Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Mint of the United States,
Sept. 14. 1838.

Sir,

I have the honor to send you, by this mail, $5 worth of quarter dollars of a new coinage, which I hope will meet your approbation.

We are making good progress with the dies for the coinage of Eagles.

The Mint has never been more busily occupied than at this time.

Very respy.
Yr faithfl. Servt
(Signed) R. M. Patterson,
Director

To
Hon Levi Woodbury,
Sec of Treasury.

Mr Patterson

Sir

I have made an arrangement with the U. S. Bank, to deposit this day six thousand dollars in the name of Johns Paine Esq Cash. Bank of Troy — Troy N.Y. It is desired that one half should be coin, in quarter dollars — the other half, in dimes and half dimes — as large a portion of the latter as is convenient.

Very respectfully

Sir

Your obt. Servt

Sept. 11th 1838

Be pleased to give Mr. Paine notice when ready for delivery

Phoenix Bank, Charlestown, Mass
September 5th 1835.

Sir

I forward to the Mint by Mr Samuel Lapham, the bearer hereof, funds amounting to about five thousand dollars, for which be pleased to furnish in return $2.000 in quarter dollars, $2.000 in dimes and $1.000 in half dimes.

Very respectfully

Wm Wyman, Prest

To the Director of the Mint,
Philadelphia

Boston, Sept. 8, 1838.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 1st inst. was duly received. You will please accept my thanks for your kind and prompt attention to my inquiries.

As to the collection which Mr. Du Bois is forming for me, I shall adopt your suggestion, and let it remain until it is more complete, — or, at least, until I have an opportunity of sending to Phila. by a private hand.

I thought it highly probable that the small silver coins mentioned in my last letter was what your chief coins supposes it to be, — Pennies, — until I happened to see, yesterday, in the Cabinet of the Massachusetts Historical Society, a perfect specimen. It turns out to be Dutch. On the side, which, in the pair in my possession, is most quite smooth, is the word (in three lines) "Hal — lans — dia". The date is 1760.

In answer to your question which my fancy leads me to make a collection of foreign coins, — I have to say, that I have a very miscellaneous collection of silver coins, perhaps 700 or 800, — such about as many of Copper: but none of gold. My principal reason for omitting to say more the few gold coins which have come in my way, is, that the investment of money would be too great for my limited

record. I should be willing to confine my Collection of foreign Coins (with few exceptions) to those of Great Britain and France; and if any gold Coins of those Countries, (other than those of a very recent date) should come in your way, - I should be glad to obtain them, - unless some one had prior Claims: say English Coins of Queen Anne & of any earlier reign, - and French of Louis 14, or earlier. I suppose, however, that the foreign Coins sent to the mint are, generally, of a very recent date.

I am very glad to receive a Communication from you, to procure foreign Coins for your use; and you may be assured that I shall do every thing in my power to accomplish the object.

I have requested several of our agents both and receiving tellers at our banks to lay aside any Coins which you ask for; - if they should come into their hands. I fear, however, that the chance of procuring them here is small.

I think I shall be able to get a Complete Collection of the Coins of modern Greece; - but perhaps not in season for the purpose for which you may want them. Still, as they will cost, if I can procure them, only the intrinsic value, - I shall make the attempt. My friend Professor Felton, of Cambridge, is intimately acquainted and corresponds with Mr. Pedicard, the American Consul at Athens; and I doubt Not that, in time, I shall be able to obtain the desired Specimens as far as the Greek Coinage is concerned; - and, possibly, some Coins of Egypt and Turkey.

Since I saw the Contents of the Cabinet of the Historical Society here, (a Society, by the way, devoted exclusively, I believe, to the collection of materials for American History,) I have felt a stronger desire than ever to make a Complete Collection of our own Coins. I found, on a hasty examination, only a single Coin struck since the establishment of the U.S. mint: a Solitary half eagle of 1795.

Very respectfully
Your Obliged Servant.
W. G. Stearns.

R. M. Patterson Esq.
Mint of the U. S.
Phila.

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director

Seneca Falls Bank
Waterloo Sept 7. 1838

Dear Sir

Your favor of 4th Inst in reply to mine of 31st ult rec'd
At the requisition of the Mint
will not permit you to send the Silver Coin without a deposit
of bullion or foreign Coin I now send my draft on New York
for three hundred dollars, for which Amt I will thank
you to forward the Copper Cents, returning to me per Mail
my draft of $300

Respy yr Mo Obt Serv
Wm. J. Mercer Cash

Mint of the United States,
Sept 7. 1838.

Sir,

Your letter of the 4th inst. has been duly received, enclosing a check on the City Bank of New York for $3.150, for which you request a return of small Silver Coins, with $150. in cents.

I regret that it is not in our power to send you the Silver Coins for your Check, which I therefore return to you enclosed. We can give these Coins only in return for foreign Silver Coins, or bullion deposited at the Mint, and our payments also must be made at the Mint, so that it will be necessary that you employ an agent here. The demand upon us for small Silver Coins is unparalleled.

You can have what cents you want without delay, in sending a check for the amount.

Very respy
Yr faithl Servt
(Signed) R. M. Patterson,
Director

To E. Elliott, Esq.
Cash. of Waterlist Banks,
West Troy,
N. Y.

Mint of the United States,
Sept. 7. 1838.

Sir,

The Rev. Mr. Carleton Chase has called on me, with a message from you, asking in what manner Small Silver Coins may be obtained from the Mint. The answer is that they can be given only in return for foreign Silver Coins, or bullion deposited at the Mint, and that our Payments are made only here; so that an agent at this place will be necessary. The demand upon us for these coins, at this time, is unprecedented.

Very respy.
Your faithfl. Servt.
(Signed) R. M. Patterson,
Director.

To)
Wm. Henry, Esqr,
Cashr. Bank at Bellows Falls.
Vermont.

Dear Sir / I have not yet received the
Paper sent Evening and from our friend Dallas.
I would be greatly obliged by your
ordering it to me in the course of the day,
as I want to make a translation of it, and
perhaps, some experiments

Very truly yours &c
R. Maud

Philad: 6 Sept 38

To / Dr R. Patterson
director of the Mint
&c. &c. &c.

Treasury Department
September 5. 1838.

Sir,

A draft has this day been drawn by the Treasurer of the United States on the Treasurer of the Mint in favor of Wm. W. Corcoran for $50.000.

The draft has been forwarded to Mr. C. at N. York he will be in Philadelphia, probably, on Friday or Saturday and is desirous to get American Gold to that amount to bring on with him.

It is expressly understood by Mr. Corcoran, that the draft is not to be presented for payment until that amount of the Gold received on account of the Smithsonian Legacy can be coined — unless it be convenient to pay it out of the Coin now on hand which it is presumed can be done without delay. if you have a large sufficiency coined —

I remain very Respy
Your Obed. Sv
Levi Woodbury
Sec. of the Treasury U.S.

Dr. R.M. Patterson
Philad.a

PS. Your communication dated the 23.d inst. containing the certificate of the Treasurer was received last evening.

Hon.ble Tho.s Jefferson
Secr.y of State.

Treasury Department
Register's Office, Sept. 5. 1838.

Sir.

I have the honor to request, that the usual Estimate* for the year 1839 may be prepared and transmitted to this office, as early as convenient, for the purpose of being laid (by the Secretary of the Treasury) before the Legislature of the United States, at the ensuing Session.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant
[illegible]
Register.

Robert M. Patterson Esq.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

* Including the Branches.

Mint U.S.
Sept. 4th, 1838.

Gentlemen

Your letter of the 1st inst. has been duly received.

I beg you to send us five tons of cast planchets, at 30 cents pr lb., according to your proposition.

Mr. Eckfeldt complains of the great inequality of size and weight in the last invoice received from you. On comparing it has been the occasion of much trouble. I hope ~~that~~ that in future, you will be very careful in this point.

Yr. M. P.

Messrs Crocker, Brother, & Co.
Sacramento, Mexico

Mint of the United States,
Sept. 4. 1838.

Sir,

Your letter of the 31st ult. has been duly received, with the draft in my favor for five hundred dollars. For this you request $300, in Cents & $200, in dimes & half dimes. The former will be sent to you immediately; but it is against the regulations of the Mint to give Silver Coins in return for any thing but Silver Bullion or foreign Coins deposited at the Mint. I have to regret, therefore, that I cannot comply with this part of your request. There remains, therefore, a balance of $200, to be returned to you. For this purpose, I will retain your draft, until I receive from You another for $200, when it shall be returned to you. Or You may have the balance forwarded in Cents, if you prefer this course.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful Servant
(signed) R. M. Patterson,
Director

To/
Wm. V. D. Mercer, Esq.
Cash. Seneca Co. Bank,
Waterloo, N. Y.

Watervliet B'k
Sept 4th 1838

R M Pattison Esq
Director of the Mint

Sir

Enclosed you have
our draft on the City B'k N.Y. for $3150
for which you will much oblige us by standing to our
credit in the Can of the Mechanics & Farmers B'k
Albany $2000 in 2 notes $750 in dimes $250 in
half dimes and the balance $150 in cents. Should the
draft (if it will be paid in specie if required)
not answer we will send you Specie for the same.

The United States Ars at this place require
of us about $200 per month in Quarters & under but
on the 1st of this month we were unable to
supply them.

Resp Yours
E D Scott
Cash

Washington D.C. Sept. 1838

Dear Sir;

In making an investment of the Smithsonian fund I shall need fifty thousand dollars from the mint in gold - American coinage. — Can it be furnished now? if not - how soon?

Respectfully & truly
Yours
Jesse Underwood
Asst. of Exp.

R. M. Patterson Esqr.
Director of the Mint
Phila.

Mint of the U. States,
Sept. 11. 1838.

Sir:

The amt. of gold remaining uncoined at the Mint, on the 31st of July last, was: $ 123.627

Deposites in August:-

Foreign Coins —	$ 118.223.	
Dr Bullion	53.975.	
Bullion of the U.S.	30.431.	
Coins of Dr (old Stand?)	.966.	203.595.
		$ 327,222.

Coinage in August:

In Half Eagles	224.190.
Remaining uncoind Aug. 31, 1838	$ 103.032

Very respectfully,
Your faithful Servant,
(Signed) R. M. Patterson
Director

To
Hon. Levi Woodbury,
Sec. of Treasury.

Treasury Department
Sept. 3. 1838.

Sir,

Your communication, dated the 1st. inst. advising the Department of the receipt of the proceeds of the Smithsonian legacy at the Mint has been received, and it is hoped, that the necessary certificate of the value thereof will reach here by the Mail tonight, as some negotiations, entered into cannot be completed until it is received.

The coinage of the Gold will, it is hoped, proceed as rapidly as practicable. It shall be obliged to draw on the Mint occasionally during the autumn: but I trust not so as to be inconvenient or to reduce the balance very materially (exclusive of the Smithsonian fund) before the winter or spring.

I remain very Respy
Your Obed't. Sert
Levi Woodbury
Sec'y of the Treas'y.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint.
Philad'a

Mint of the United States,
Sept 3. 1838.

Sir,

I have the honor to send you, inclosed, a Memorandum of the amount of the deposite, on account of the Smithsonian Legacy, by Richard Rush, Esq., in the name of the Treasurer of the United States. The net value is five hundred & eight thousand, three hundred and eighteen dollars & forty six cents/ $508.318.46/ and is placed on our books, to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States, and held subject to orders from Your Department.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful Servant,
(Signed) R.M. Patterson,
Director

To/ Hon. Levi Woodbury
Sec of Treasury.

Mint of the United States
Sept. 1st 1851

Sir,

I have the honour to present to you the following Statement of the Coinage at the Mint during the last month.

Denomination	Numb. of Pieces	Value
Half Eagles	444,838	$2224,190. —
Half Dollars	210,000	105,000.
Quarter Dollars	130,000	32,500.
Dimes	552,500	55,250.
Half Dimes	695,000	34,750.
Cents	877,500	8775.
	2509,838	$460,465

The gold was nearly all coined after the 20th of the month

Very Respectfully
Your faithful Servt

To/
Hon. Lew Woodbury
Sec. of Treasury

Philad.a Sept.r 1.st 1838

Doctor R. M. Patterson

Sir

The amount of Painting the outside of the Mint will be One Hundred and Seventy Five Dollars the work to have two coats and the Materials used to be of the First quality

Should You think Proper to have it done by the Day a charge of 20 p.s. per Day will be added to the Cost of Materials and Labour

Yours Respectfully

Wm H. Strickland

No. 60 Walnut St.

Philadelphia August. 31st 1838

Sir,

Your note of this morning Requesting me to let you know at what price I can paint the outside wood-work of the Mint, including the court-yards with two coats, and the Materials to be of the first quality

In complying with the above, I will paint as above - with the best Materials for one Hundred & Eight dollars

All of which is Respectfully Submitted

$180.00

Wm Barger
No 169 North 11 St

To

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director U.S. Mint

Treasury Department
~~Sep~~ August 31. 1838.

Sir,

A letter has been this morning addressed to Mr. Rawle at N. York urging upon him the necessity of transferring the amount of the Smithsonian legacy to the Mint at Phila. as soon as practicable - Arrangements have been made by the Department for investing it - and the State Bonds are prepared for delivery, but the money cannot be procured until it has been placed in the Mint to the Credit of the Treasurer of the U States - It will not be necessary to delay giving a certificate of deposit until the actual value of the deposit is ascertained - a certificate may be given for the estimated value, to be corrected, if necessary when the exact value is fixed - Requesting your attention to this matter as soon as the money shall reach you -

I remain very Respy
Your Obed. Serv.

S. M. McLean, Clk

Dr. W. M. Patterson.

Robt M Patterson Esq
Director U. S. Mint

Seneca County Bank
Waterloo Augt 31. 1838

Dr Sir

Enclosed is my draft for $5000 on Merchts Ex Bank New York. I will thank you to forward me your usual terms Say $300 in Copper & $200 in Silver Coins the Latter in Dimes & ½ Dimes — The Silver Coins may be put up in the same Kegs with the Cents deducting from the Amount whatever Charge is usual in such cases — Should any Circumstances prevent an immediate transmission of the packages you will please advise me per return Mail & the rest of the days & when I may expect the returns

Very Respectfully your Obt Servt
Wm V. D. Mercer Cash

Direct "Seneca County Bank"
"Waterloo"
"New York"

Mint of the United States,
Oct. 29. 1835.

Sir,

Yours of the 27th inst., requesting a supply of Indian Medals, was received this morning.

In the Absence of the Director, the Chief-Coiner desires me to say, that your wishes shall be attended to immediately: that the work shall be put in hands, and the Medals forwarded to you, from time to time, as they are finished. An unprecedented demand for Coinage, at the Mint, has been the cause of delay in the execution of these Medals.

Very respy,
Your faithful Servt.
R. M. Patterson, Director
for Geo. F. Dunning,
Director's Clerk.

To
T. Hartley Crawford, Esq.
Comm. Ind. Affairs.

War Department
Office Indian Affairs
October 27th 1838.

Sir

Permit me to call your attention to the order from this Office, dated the 17th of May last, for an additional number of Indian medals. Only ten of the largest sized medals, having been furnished, I have the honor to request that the balance to be supplied, may be forwarded at the earliest practicable moment, as they are now much wanted.

Very respectfully
Your Mo obdt

C. A. Harris Crawford

Genl
R. M. Patterson
Director of the U. S. Mint
Philadelphia
Pennsylvania

Mint of the United States,
Oct. 24. 1838.

Sir,

Your letter dated this day, making inquiries in regard to procuring small coins, is just received.

In reply I have to state that the regulations of the Mint require, that, to obtain Silver Coins, a deposite of Silver bullion, or foreign Silver Coins, should be made at the Mint; where, also, the Coins are paid in return—thus requiring the agency of some one at Philadelphia.

Such is the demand for small Silver Coins at present, that, I am sorry to say, you would be obliged to wait for coins at least three weeks after the deposite had been made. Our Chief-Coiner wishes me to say that a deposite of five-franc pieces, or of Mexican dollars, could soonest be returned in American small coins.

Yours, very respectfully,
R. M. Patterson, Director;
per Geo. T. Dunning,
Director's Clerk.

To,
Ira Smith, Esq,
Burlington, N.J.

Burlington, N Jersey, Oct 24. 1838

Sir Will you inform me by the bearer Mr
Myers whether the Farmers Bank at Burlington
Vermont could be furnished by the Mint
with two hundred dollars in dimes and
half dimes (in equal parts) if so at what
time, and also whether current Philad. Bank bills
would be rec'd. if not what would be required.
If it should be furnished the bank would
consider it a great accommodation, and
wish to have it forwarded to the Union
Bank, New York subject to the order
of P. M. Corbin Cash'r. I will forward
such funds as you may require should you
consider to the interest of the mint of the
Bank

Respectfully &c
Geo Smith

To the director of the
U S Mint. Philad.

Taunton Oct. 29. 1838.

R. M. Patterson Esqr.
U. S. Mint.

Dear Sir.

We duly received your favor of the 17th inst. and accept the proposition therein made, to send us 10 tons Planchets, five tons of which to be received in cents, at such times as you may find it convenient to supply us.

We hope to ship the above before long.

Remain
Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servts
Crocker Bro. & Co.

Louisville Ky Oct 20th

Wm J Rep Snowden

Dear Sir

You will oblige me very much by forwarding per Adam Express the value of the enclosed check in pure Silver — Mr Guthrie goes East in a few days he may come to your city. I am sorry to see that the Democracy is a little down in your State but I suppose in a few days all will be right again

Yours Truly

Isaac Smith

Wm J Snowden

Recd in Philadelphia Sat Oct 30. 1841 & Resp. Adams Express Co

Taunton Oct. 23. 1838.

James Ross Snowden Esq.

Treas.

Dear Sir.

Annexed we hand you Inv. of 36 Kegs Plan. sheets Shipped for Sch. Bonnely - amounting to $2764.80.

We have receipted the Inv. [redacted] will inform you by early mail [redacted] we shall like to have the cash for the same, forwarded —

Very Respy

Crocker & Brown

Treasury of the United States,

23 Oct 1838

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive One Treasury Draft made payable to your order, together with a descriptive list of the same, combined with a receipt therefor, which you will please to sign and return to this office, by return of mail.

I am, respectfully,

Yr. your obedient servant,

John Campbell,

Treasurer of the United States.

Robert M. Patterson Esq.

Bank of Pay October 19 1858

R. M. Patterson Esqr
Director of U. State Mint
Dr

On the early part of September
there was deposited in the Mint for coinage an
account of the Contributors Eleven thousand
Dollars in foreign Silver Coin. Having a very
favorable opportunity we sent to the Mint
ammunition on twelve days, but unfortunately the
small coins was not ready for us; our friend
by whom we sent, attached one thousand
Dollars for us in Dimes and half Dimes.
We are now very much in want of the
residue just mentioned, the Quarter, not having
at this time Five Dollars of that denomination
in change in the Bank. They request
the favor of you to inform me how soon
the small coins for the remaining Six thousand
Dollars will be ready for us and you will
thereby much oblige us. Yours respectfully
Thos Parvin Cashier

Mint of the United States,
Oct. 22nd, 1838.

Sir,

Your letter of 19th inst. inquiring how soon the small coins, for the balance of your deposite will be ready, – was received this morning.

In the absence of the Director, the Chief Coiner, Mr. Eckfeldt, desires me to say that the whole amount shall be ready for delivery by the 30th instant.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful Servt.
R. M. Patterson,
Director.

per Geo. T. Dunning,
Director's Clerk.

To
John Payne, Esqr.
Cash'r. Bank of Troy,
Troy, N. Y.

Mint of the United States,
October 1st. 1838.

Gentlemen,

The necessity of using our Cent press for coining quarter dollars has thrown our Copper Coinage behind hand, so that we have your last remittance of five tons of planchets unconied, and but about $1400 of cents on hand. We cannot therefore pay you promptly for the five tons which you propose to send on your own account; but we will receive them if you choose to wait. You may send us five tons more, for our deficits.

Very respy
Yr. faithfl. Servt.
(Signed) R. M. Patterson,
Director

To
Messrs. Crocker, Brot. & Co,
Taunton, Mass.

Treasury Department
Octr 15th 1838

Sir

I have the honor to acknowlege the receipt of your letter of Octr 12th in which, among other things, you mention, that some help will be sustained by the Government on some Sovereigns lately received from the Mayamensing Bank.

I will be obliged to you, if you will, in your annual report, call attention to the rate at which foreign coins are received in payment of public dues, and recommend the proper changes.

I am, Very Respectfully,
Yr Obdt Servt
Levi Woodbury
Secretary of the Treasury.

The Director of the Mint
Philadelphia.

Mint U.S.
Oct. 15 / 38.

Sir,

I have duly received from you a transfer draft No. 2270, in my favor, on the Collector of the Customs at New-York, for fifty thousand dollars, ($50,000.) which, when received, shall be placed, in our books, to your credit, under the 31st. Sect. of the Act of 18th June 1837, in conformity with your instructions.

R. M. P.

W. Wm Campbell Esq.
Treasurer of U.S.

Taunton Octr 13th 1838.

R. M. Patterson Esq.

Dear Sir.

Having succeeded in distributing our stock of Cents, beyond our expectations, we now propose to ship you by early vessel, say five tons planchets to be exchanged for cents as heretofore, that we may have a supply for the next winter.

We shall also be glad to receive from you to be executed before the navigation is obstructed, as large an order for planchets, for the use of the mint, as you are willing to give us.

An reply to the above proposition at your convenience, will oblige

Very Respectfully
Your obt Servts
Brocken Bro & Co

Treasury of the United States,

October 15th 1838.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive one transfer Draft, viz:
No 2270, on the Collector of the Customs at New York
for ($ 50,000) Fifty Thousand Dollars
payable at New York, on demand.

which sum be pleased to place to the credit of my account, on the
Books of your Institution. under the 3d. Section of the Act of 15th Jan'y 1837

I am, respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
JOHN CAMPBELL,
Treasurer U. S.

To the ~~Cashier of the~~ Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Mint of the United States,
October 12. 1838.

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive your letter of the 10th inst. and I immediately referred to our Treasurer your request that he should make a monthly return to the Treasurer, [of the U.S.] of the amount standing to his credit, in the books of the Mint, under each account, in order that no mistake may occur as to drafts &c. — Gov. Findlay informs me, however, that, in compliance with former instructions from your Department, every change that occurs in our account with the Treasurer of the U.S. is and has been uniformly reported within the Mint, so that the Treasurer is kept informed as to the condition of each account. I will, however, cause a statement to be sent immediately of the present state of our accounts.

A Treasury draft, in our favor, for $50.000, upon the Philadelphia Custom House, has been paid by the Morgan Bank, in Sovereigns, at the rate of legal tender established by the Act of June 28th, 1834, and on which there will be some loss to the government.

Very respectfully
Your faithful Servt
(Signed) R. M. Patterson,
Director

To
Hon. Levi Woodbury,
Sec. of Treasury.

Mint of the United States.
Oct. 12th, 1838.

Sir,

In the letter which accompanies this, I mention a circumstance which is of new occurrence at the Mint, and to which I must beg leave to ask your more particular attention. In returns for a treasury draft in our favor on the Custom House, the tender made was of British Sovereigns, which were offered under the act of June 28th, 1834, which states that "the gold coins of Great Britain, Portugal, and Brazil, of not less than twenty two carats fine" shall be "receivable in all payments, by weight," "at the rate of ninety-four cents and eight tenths of a cent per penny weight".

Now the uniform experience at this Mint shows that the British Sovereign is not 22 carats fine.

This, which is the legal standard, corresponds to 916⅔ millièmes, according to our mode of ~~estimating~~ fineness; whereas we find that, in consequence probably, of the British mint taking advantage of the remedy allowed by law, their real standard does not exceed 915/2, and I see that it is stated in Tate's Manual of Exchanges, [London Hair, 1829,] that in France "the British ~~coin~~ Gold Coin is estimated at only 915 fine, and is received into the French mints only at this rate."

Therefore, ~~The British sovereign does not,~~ when coins within the terms of the act of Congress, and is not ~~therefore~~, strictly speaking, a legal tender. If we suppose the whole value of a coin to be in the pure metal which it contains, that of British gold at 915/2 will be 94.62532 cents per pennyweight. But this is not the just

estimate, for copper must be added to bring this gold to our standard, and this copper must be paid for. Hence the true mint value of British gold is, as I find, 94.62274 cents per pennyweight. If we content to receive sovereigns for our Treasury draft of $50,000, at what is called the legal value, we might pay will be 52,637.2 dwts., of which the true mint value is but $49,809.76; so that the government would sustain a loss of $190.24. By receiving ~~sovereigns at this supposed legal value, instead of this less~~ than is therefore a loss of 0.187 per cent.; which amounts, in the $50,000 received by our Treasurer, to $93½.

It is too late to act in the present case: but I would respectfully ask your instructions should any similar tender of payment be made at the Mint. How an action, on our part, might affect our commer-

cial relations, I am sure must judge.
But so far as the mint alone is
concerned, I cannot doubt the propri-
ety of issuing to coining
at 94.8 cents ℔ penny weight, since
when offered in deposite we cannot
carefully give for them to mint by
nearly one-fifth of one per cent.

The laws making foreign coins a
legal tender require either to be greatly
amended, or to be repealed. I confess
that I should prefer the latter course.
It is notorious that, with the excep-
tion of the ~~Spanish and Spanish~~ dol-
lars of Spain and Spanish America,
none of the foreign coins, made a legal
tender, are in circulation. Why
then should the laws recognise
them? At the mint, they will
always be received at their just va-
lue, and ~~received~~ promptly into lawful
circulating coins without charge to
the depositor. What more can be
desired?

Yours
To Hon. Chas Boyden
Sec. of Treasury

R. M. T.

Treasury Department
October 10th 1838

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th inst stating the amount of small silver coins struck at the mint during the last six months.

I will thank you to make a monthly return to the Treasurer of amounts standing to his credit on the Books of the Mint under each account in order that any mistake may occur here as to drafts. I will be obliged if you will let the first of these returns be transmitted to the Treasurer as soon as may be

I am Sir
very respectfully
Your obed't Sv
Sam'l Ward Young
Secretary of the Treasury

Robt. Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint

Mint of the United States,
October 8th, 1838.

Sir,

I have caused a statement to be made out of our small silver coinage for the last six months; and, as I know the interest you take in our operations, I send you the following copy of this statement; though I think it not desirable that it should be published at this time.

Small Silver Coins, struck at the Mint, from May 1st, to September 30th, 1838. (Six months.)

	Pieces.	Value.
Quarter Dollars	570.000.	$ 142.500.
Dimes	1.390.000.	139.000.
Half Dimes	1.610.000.	80.500.
	3.570.000.	$ 362.000

The amount of pieces is nearly the same as that for the entire year of 1837; but the value is greater by 83.000 dollars, than in that year, owing to a larger proportionate issue of dimes & quarter dollars, in the period to which the above table refers.

The deposites of gold & silver, last month, exceeded a million and a quarter of dollars.

I am, very respectfully, Your faithful Servt
Sec. of Treasury
R. M. P.
Director

Mint of the United States
Oct. 4. 1838.

Sir,

The Amount of Gold remaining uncoined at the Mint, on the 31st of Aug. last, was $103.032.

Deposited in September:—

Foreign Coins	$ 514.698.	
Do Bullion	32.137.	
U. States Do	27.186.	
Do Coins (Old Stand?)	1.022.	577.043.
		$ 680.075.

Coined in September:—

5n Half Eagles	532.930.
Remaining uncoined Sept. 30. 1838.	$ 147.145

Very respectfully,
Yr faithfl Servt.
R. M. P.
Dr.

To
Hon Levi Woodbury
Sec of Treasury

Mint of the United States.
Oct. 3d, 1838.

Sir,

The standard of our gold coins being 900 thousandths, and that of the British gold, according to our assays, 915½; we return therefor deposites of sovereigns, more than their weight. The average value of the sovereign at the mint, is $4. 84 10/10. The only charge made is a very trifling one for the copper alloy introduced. With this exception, we return in American coins all the gold in the British coins, might be right to the depositor, in American coins, all the gold in the British coins, might be right; and we add a small portion of copper alloy, for which we charge at the rate of 3 cents per

ounce, — and this is the only charge made. The whole expense of coining and wastage is paid by the government. The average value of the Sovereign, at the mint, is $4.84 70.

R. M. P.

Jno Turner, Esq
Washington, D. C.

Washington 1st Oct: 1838

Sir

Pleas to informe me by return of Post
Whare you give the same amount in weight
in american Gold Coin, as may be delivered
into the Mint in British Gold Sovereigns
That is to say Waight for Waight.
and what would be any expence attending
the exchange. I have the Honor
to be Sir your
obedient Servt
Jorhn Turner

(Pleas to direct for) Mr. J. Turner
Washington
D. C

Mint of the United States,
Nov. 30. 1838.

Dear Sir,

We cannot give you the small Silver Coins for which you apply, except in return for Silver Bullion, or foreign Silver Coins, deposited at the Mint. This rule is imperative under the laws of this institution, except (as was formerly of late the case) when Banks, having large deposites with us, consent to accept drafts or notes in return for a part of such deposites. I regret that it is not in our power to accommodate you on your own terms.

Very respy
Yr faithfl Servt
(Signed) R. M. Patterson
Director.

To
S. A. Colden Conyngham, Esq.
Post. Master
New York.

Cambridge [Mass] Nov 29 1830

Dear Sir

At a late meeting of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the Rumford Committee made a report recommending that the premium provided by Count Rumford for inventions or discoveries connected with the subject Light and Heat, should be awarded to Dr Hare for his invention of the compound blow pipe. This premium, which must be given in the form of "one gold and one silver medal," can be awarded only at the annual meeting of the Academy, which is held in May, consequently the report was not acted upon by final acceptance. An order was passed, however, directing the committee to procure dies and to have the medals struck and ready for the disposal of the Academy, at the proper time.

Now the object of this letter is to ask the favour of your assistance in procuring the dies and medals. The medals will be of large size, the value may be three hundred dollars, the dies of course not included in this sum, and it is the intention of the committee to have them executed in the best manner that the arts of the country will furnish. It is determined that the medals shall bear a head of Count Rumford with an inscription upon the reverse. Will you

have the kindness to inform me whether there dies can be procured from the U.S. Mint, or from any artist engaged in the mint? or, is there any artist in Philadelphia, not engaged in the mint, who would execute them in a superior manner? Your advice as to the proper course to be pursued, by the committee in executing the order of the Academy, will be taken as a great favour by me, which will be added to a recollection of the hospitalities which I received from you ten years since.

Very Respectfully your
Obedient Servant
Dan'l Treadwell

Robert M. Patterson Esq

Dear Sir

Post Office New York
Nov 29. 1835

I was informed some time since that the Mint would furnish me with $2000 in dimes if I would make a deposite with you of the amount in foreign Coin. Please inform me by return of Mail if that sum in Sovereigns will be acceptable If so I will forward that amount immediately as we are very much in want of that kind of change for the use of this Office

very respectfully Yours

S. Colvington
PM

To/ R.M. Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint

Mint of the United States,
Nov. 29. 1838.

Gentlemen,

In answer to your letter of the 26th, I have to state that, as yet, only one keg of planchets has been found so much injured by oil as to be unfit for coinage. The kegs that had fish barrels over them, though soiled externally, and giving rise to apprehensions as to the planchets, do not seem to have justified our fears; as, thus far at least, the planchets are not found to be injured.

Very respectfully
Your faithful Servt
(Signed) R. M. Patterson
Director

To
Messrs. Crocker, Brothers & Co.
Taunton,
Mass.

Dr R. M. Patterson
U. S. Mint &

Phila. Nov. 27 1838

Dear Sir.

I have the pleasure of acknowledging the receipt of your favour of this day enclosing twelve dollars and a half, being the intrinsic value of the coins I sent you last week. The approximation of the coins by you is perfectly satisfactory, and the remuneration for them extensive. Pattern, was not ordered, and would not have been accepted (nor I think offered) if they had been deposited in your private collection, instead of that of the United States.

Yr. very truly
W. H. Keating

Taunton Nov 20. 1838

R. M. Pattison Esq

Dear Sir

We are in receipt of your esteemed favour of the 21st inst.

We will thank you to inform us as soon as ascertained what quantity of the peaches named, are damaged — as should the amount be considerable we would decline them back, as we think they can be cleaned at a small expence & be as good as new. If there should not be above a cask or two damaged, you will please retain them as proposed, but can recover amount of damage from owner of the vessel —

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servts

Tucker & Bro

Mint U. S.
Nov. 24th, 1838.

Sir,

In the 7th section of the ~~act~~ Mint Law of Jan. 18th, 1837, it is enacted that ~~the~~ ~~shall be allowed~~ to the assistants and clerks, such annual salaries shall be allowed as the Director may determine, with the approbation of the President; provided that an assistant shall not receive more than $1800, and that a clerk shall not receive more than $1200."

Under this provision the salary heretofore allowed to the book keeper is $1000, and to the Director's clerk $700. It is, in my best judgment, proper that these salaries should be ~~it~~ increased, the first to $1200, the second to $800. The Treasurer's book-keeper, Allen G. W. Edelman is a most faithful, laborious and skilful clerk, who, besides the duties to which he was at first engaged, now has the whole charge of the copper accounts, and the distribution of copper coins. He has ~~also~~

moreover a family, and with present Philadelphia prices, ~~the~~ his ~~fe~~ income is not sufficient for their support.

Mr. Clark, also Gen. F. Dimmick, has not asked any increase of salary, but his ~~that~~ services have been so valuable to me, especially in attending to the numerous Commissions from the Branch Mints, that I conscientiously think he merits the small addition to his salary which I propose.

I beg leave, through you, respectfully to submit this matter to the President for his appropriation.

Very respectfully
Your faithful Obed't
R. M. P.
Director

Hon. Louis McLane
Sec. of Treasury.

War Department,
Office Indian Affairs,
November 23d 1850.

Sir

I have had the honor to receive your letter of the 21st instant, with a box containing ten Medals of the largest size, completing the order of this Office of the 17th of May last for fifty Medals of that size.

Very respectfully
Your Ms. Obt. Svt.

D Hartley Crawford.

Dr R. M. Patterson.
U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Mint of the United States
Nov. 24. 1838.

Gentlemen,

In answer to your letter of the 3rd ~~22d~~, I have to state that we will immediately forward $200. worth of Cents, according to your instructions, and the balance due to you, as soon afterwards as practicable.

You may send us the additional five tons of planchets, as you propose: but I must mention that some kegs of the last remittance were mixed for the purpose of coinage, by having fish or oil put over them, thus making them greasy. We will use them for alloy, but must make a deduction from your bill.

Very respectfully
Your faithful Servt
(Signed) R. M. Patterson
Director

To
Messrs. Crocker, Brothers &c.
Taunton, Mass.

Mint N. L.
Nov. 21st 1838.

Dear Sir,

I thank you ~~sincerely~~ for the communication which you left at the Mint yesterday. If was not to be expected that your information respecting the Mexican Coinage would be very precise, yet what you have given is very useful to us.

You state that the collection of ores sent is "just at my disposition". If you do not inform me otherwise I shall interpret this to mean that you ~~will~~ dispose them with us for our Assay Charges, and we will send you their intrinsic value as is our custom in all such cases. For the balance of the real value, you may ~~be~~ receive our ~~thanks~~ sincere thanks.

Most truly
Your faithful Servant
R. M. P.

To
Wm H. Keating Esq.

Mint U S
Nov. 21 1838.

Gentlemen

On the 19th of Sept. you made a deposite at the mint of $208,998.64, ~~the amount of which has been~~ in the name of Augustus B. Woodward, the amount of which has been paid with the exception of $10,000, left to be made into small silver coins. I have now to announce that these coins are ready, and to ask in what manner you would wish to have them put up, that your messenger need not be delayed when he comes for them.

R. M. Patterson
Director

Messrs. Prime Ward & King
New York

Mint
Nov. 21 / 38.

Dear Sir,

I have duly received your letter of yesterday, and am sorry to have to state that you have been misinformed as to our using platina at the Mint.

R. M. P.
Dr

New York 20 Nov 1838

Dr R L Pettus

Philadelphia

Dear Sir

Having been informed that you are in the habit of receiving Connecticut Platina one having just received a large quantity in that which is perfectly pure. Should you be in want of any at same should you be in want of any at stro p. V. all wch from your info to be thankfully received by

Yours very respt.
Louis Fischbranz
p Kinney

D. C. Ryegate Oct 15 1858 Those few lines
must belong to the mint please to
give me the best information relating
Concerning a man by the Name Alexander Sims
~~I want you to write me word~~ I want
to find out if the man was one to the
mint at Philadelphia or about the
the 20 of January and received one trunk
the was black mark TS on the trunk iron bound
it contained mettle of some ~~kind~~ sort in said trunk
this this trunk was John Selly and about
the 20th of December June 5 this thing you may
no the ~~I~~ will see cable in the following
manner those form the went from my house
is was in the form of Cone or square of
ives mark with a cold Chisel the numbe
i can remember saw small hammered thos
Thos Lacy ~~w~~ sons saw us
isent ~~th~~ by this ma Sims and small
boy of ar beside square in the Mans was in the
buig was founded was not beside
this trunk was my one this was in my
opinion few time and saw the
gratuity mettle a want for Gentlemen
I direct this letter to the overseer of
the mint saw him law with Sims
for the said Sims has not brot my
trunk tha is deliver to him with
his promise to of to the mint we want
and do plead by the mercy of god to
let me no the truth if you have
mud this mettle in to money I want my
part how much my part is was to be
with he got it in major not if you do not
send me the whole I will have to more sent

If Secret Sims did not tell his name
in will describe him to you this he is about
five feet and perhaps ten or less inches
in heigh dark complexion this age 47 or either
about. his dress was like a mechanic. work.
but you can give me every information
sh. d. they be not forthcoming then he has got
the money that he took some and
want to invest my part is Simon Sims
told the [illegible] was good and has not returned
trunk. nor nothing that he took from
this letter is directed to the overseer
of the mint you must not think strange
be cause I dont not your name please to
send me your name and the direction
this Sims has not gave me no
gave me to a friend I dont wish
to let the world no much about
ours of my kind [illegible] in these modern
to let [illegible] to destroy this world
the name [illegible]
that is why I do not give you no reward
to let him rest present to the Sheriff
I want you should direct your letter
to Franklin town [illegible] Merchant Smith share
the me by the name of Alexander
[illegible] Thompson in want you
Should direct on the inside of the
to John Sly of Ryegate in vermont
in at never discovered possible
will give you the reason because
he is shall be more like to obtain it
Ryegate Caledonia Co. John Sly

These gentlemen that belong to the Mint, please to give me the best information that you can concerning a man, by name Alexander ~~Dunn~~ Sims. I want to find out if there was one at the Mint at Phila or about the 20th of last May, & presented one trunk that was black, marked J.S. on the trunk, iron-bound. It contained metal of some ore in said trunk. This trunk was John Sly's, and (contained) about 20 of metallic pounds. That you may know the (contents) (trunk) I will describe them in the following manner. The form in which they went from my house was in the form of a cone or sugar loaf, marked with a cold chisel; the number I cant remember. Some small (pieces) were hammered - the large ones were cast.

I sent by this man Sims one small bag of ore besides. Some of the ore that was in the bag was pounded, & was burnt besides. The trunk was my own. This was in my opinion for a (something) some of the metallic metal I want gentlemen. - I direct this ~~[illegible]~~ to the Overseer of the Mint. I am (at) law with Sims, for the said Sims has not got my trunk that I delivered to him with the promise to go to the Mint. I want and do plead by the mercy of God to let me know (about) the trunk. If you have made this metal into money I want my part, &c. &c.

(The letter goes on to describe the person of Sims - does not wish to let the world know much about ores of any kind, as it might be to its destruction, &c - & requests that the answer may be directed, on the outside to Alexander Thompson, and on the inside to John Sly. -

Secret that no such trunk had been brought to the Mint

GOLD BULLION, deposited the of 18

by weighing

Gross Weight. Ounces	dwt.	grs.	Standard Weight. Ounces	dwt.	grs.	Value. Dolls.	cts.	ms.

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GOLD BULLION, deposited the of 18

weighing

Thompson warn you
Should direct on the inside of the
to John Sly of Rye you answer you
what were reasonable possible
and tell you the reason because
he is shall be more likely to be in sit
Rye ville Eastdown & J John Sly

Send that no such trunk
had been buy'd to the Allen

Extract from a letter addressed by Wm. P. Short Assayer & Coiner Mint at N. Orleans - to the Hon. Thos. H. Benton - dated 15th Novr. 1838.

"Our Coinage so far amounts only to $ 36743 in Dimes. The Melter & refiner, & the Coiner, not being acclimated, were allowed by the Secretary of the Treasury to leave the City from the 15th. August to the 1st. Novem:

They have not yet returned from the North, & are supposed to be detained by low water on the Ohio River. There is therefore no prospect of our resuming business before the 1st. Decem: if then. How they are to become acclimated by going to the North during the Summer Months is more than I can comprehend. However the Secretary states that this suspension of business is not to occur again, & indeed it is very prejudicial to the Mint, & is much complained of by the Merchants & Bankers.

. . . . . .

Should any of the Offices in this Branch Mint become vacant by death or resignation, it appears to me very important that they should be filled by acclimated persons. There are many such persons in this City well qualified to fill any of the Offices, and the citizens complain when their own claims are overlooked, & northern men have to leave the City for the benefit of their health during the summer months causing all the inconvenience that arises from a suspension of business."

Phil.a Nov 9. 1838

Dear Sir

I beg your Excellency will be pleased to allow me that I may repeat to call to your consideration the circumstance how I come to this country & that I was engaged by the American Consul Mr. Appleton at Leghorn in behalf of the Government as die sinker to the U.S. Mint & was regularly installed in the Mint by the Honorable Joseph Clay, Member of Congress & cashier of the Farmers & Mechanics' Bank of this place. I am now in the United States thirty one years & have been employed in various periods by Government which was about seven years altogether, so that I loose twenty four years of the best time of my life, if Government does not pay my claim or remunerate me for the loss of my time. In the mean time dear Sir I ask the favor of you to cause through your influence by some means that I may get employment as my present circumstances are much reduced or if the cabinet or yourself through your Excellency's own authority arrange for

the above demands I shall be equally satisfied so that I can have provision for my old age & comfort in my declining years.

At the same time allow me to mention that there are some beings whom existence I think that I owe the care of, I feel it my duty to mention that also to you so as to care I am treated with neglect they will have to suffer equally with myself. They are young & unprovided for so I hope that your humanity will dictate upon Excellency to interest yourself in my behalf & theirs also.

You may be certain that I would not make any demands if justice would not require me to do so. I hope that this letter will cause the respect for my great [illegible] relation of the above circumstance

I inclose a copy of a certificate from an old acquaintance of mine

I have the Honor to be

To
His Excellency
Martin Van Buren
President of
the United States

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servant
Moritz Fürst

Treasury Department
November 14. 1835

Sir,

I submit to you, enclosed, a communication addressed by Mr. Trist of your city to the President of the U States and by him referred to this Department and shall be pleased if you will give to Mr. Trist any aid in your power and which may be consistent with the public interests.

I remain very Respt.y.
Your Obed.t Sv.t
Levi Woodbury
Sec.y of the Treas.y.

Dr. R.M. Patterson
Philad.a

War Department,
Office Indian Affairs
November 14. 1838

Sir,

By last mail, I had the honor to receive ten more Indian Medals, of the largest size

Very respectfully
Your most ob't

C. Wattles Crawford

Genl
R. M. Patterson
Director of U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Mint U. S.
Nov. 13th, 1838.

Sir,

On the 22d ult. you were informed that your Coinage of Small Coins would be ready by the 3d of that month. I have now to inform you that they can be, ~~[illegible]~~ and can be shipped whenever you choose to apply for them.

R. M. P.

Wm. Paine Esq.
Cash. Bank of
Troy, N. Y.

War Department,
Office Indian Affairs.
November 12th 1838

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive your two letters of the 7th & 8th inst, with two boxes, containing ten Indian medals, each of the largest size.

Very respectfully
Your mo obt st

T. Hartley Crawford
Com.

Genl
R. M. Patterson
Director of U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Mint U.S.
Nov. 6th, 1838

Sir,

In a letter of the 20th of July you state that Mr. Rush had been instructed to transfer the amount of the Smithsonian legacy to the Mint to be deposited to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States, and you further say that "as soon as the exact value shall be ascertained and returned to the Treasury of the United States by the Mint, a transfer draft will be issued to place the amount in the Mint under the provisions of the 12th Sect. of the act of 23d of June 1836."

The amount was deposited by Mr. Rush according to your instructions, and on the 3d of Sept. the net value was found to be $508,318.46, as reported to you at the time, and this amount by [illegible] was duly placed, in our books, to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States.

The last ~~act~~ step proposed by you, namely the transfer to the Mint under the deposite act of June 1836 has not yet been taken, and I have deemed it proper to call your attention to it. The money is at present in a somewhat anomalous position.

R. M. P.

Hon. Levi Woodbury
Sec. of Treas.

Mint U.S.
Nov. 7 / 38.

Sir,

We send you, by the first mail, a box, containing two Indian Medals of the largest size. Over the snow will be sent on Saturday.

R. M. P.

J. Hamblen (Groceries &c.)
Commission Merchant

Mint of the United States,
November 5. 1838.

Sir,

The amount of gold, remaining uncoined at the Mint, on the 30th of September last, was $147.145.

Deposited in October:

Bullion of the United States,	$11.442.	
Foreign Coins	57.291.	68.733.
		$215.878.

Coined in October:—

In Quarter-Eagles	$22.660.	
In Half-Eagles	37.710.	60.370.
Remaining uncoined Oct. 31. 1838.		$155.508

Very respy,
Yr. faithful Servt
R. M. Patterson,
Director

To
Hon. Levi Woodbury,
Sec. of Treasury

Bank of the Metropolis
31 Oct 1838.

Dr. R.M. Patterson

Dear Sir

I called this morning at the Treasury, to know if I could obtain at the Mint, half Dollars in exchange for British Sovereigns - The matter I find rests entirely with yourself. I would be much obliged, if you would let me have 50.000 $ in halves, for an equal amount in British or French Gold, or any lge amount would be an accommodation to me, Please let me hear from you on the subject, as soon as your convenience will allow, and oblige yr. mo. ob. st.

Geo. Thomas Cas

Mint U.S.
Nov. 2d 1838.

Dear Sir,

I have just received your letter of the 31st ult., and have to inform you, to explain my regret that it is not in my power to ~~comply with~~ make the exchange which you propose of silver coins for gold. The application has frequently been made to us, and uniformly declined. It may be indeed be doubted whether under the 19th Sect. of the Mint act of 1837 such an exchange would be lawful; but, whether it is not, it can with no propriety be that it is impracticable, at this time, when I inform you that our supply of silver coins is but $150,000, while we have more than $400,000.

R. M. P. Jr

To
Gov. Thomas Ewing
Cashr. Bank of the Metropolis
Washington

Mint U.S.
Dec 27 /38.

Sir,

A deposite of $3034.90 was made in your name, by the Bank of the United States, to be returned in small coins. Those coins have been ready since October, and information to this effect was given to Mr. Andrews, who, as I am told, promised to convey it to you. As the coins have not been sent for, I presume that he has forgotten to inform you of their being ready, and I therefore now do so, with a request that they may be sent for as soon as ~~possible~~ convenient.

R. M. P.

F. L. Douglass, Esq
Cashier Mech. & Mech. Bank
Troy, N. Y.

Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia, Dec. 27, 1838.

Dear Sir,

I have duly received your letter of the 22d, and I will take no time in making the most accurate contrast with the Paris bust you have mentioned; and I have, moreover, the pleasure to state to you that we have three original portraits of Count Rumford in the Philadelphia Museum — the one taken by the Count Rumford de Paris in 1810, and the accuracy of which I can vouch, as I was then at the time, and was acquainted with the Count.

I have to inform you that the device which you propose for having all the letters on the reverse of the medal raised is not practicable. The portraits of the medal could not be given to this part, and the effect would be very bad. May I nevertheless take to suggest that it is customary and I think desirable that the

immediate subject of the award should be mentioned in the medal? In a word, let me submit to your considerations a motto something like that indicated, where all the Roman letters are raised by the die and permanent, and the Script letters are engraved pro re natâ. If you approve of this motto, please to let me know, and to return it. If you wish modifications in it, please also to communicate to them.

P. M. P.

Daniel Wadsworth, Esq.

Mint of the United States,
Dec. 27th, 1838.

Sir,

In compliance with the request conveyed in your letter of yesterday, we send you by the Rail Road Line, the amount of the deposite of Messrs. Howland & Aspinwall transferred to you. You are aware that the transportation will be entirely at your risk.

You will please to give receipts on the warrant and marginal duplicate sent herewith, and return them by mail, as heretofore.

Very respectfully,
Your ob. servt.
R. M. P.

To
D. Thompson Esq.
Cash. Bk. of America
N. York.

Mar. No 801 Howland & Aspinwall (Silver) $14,773.63
" " 686 " " (Gold) 1602.47
$16,376.10

Put up as follows.

Half Dollars	$2273.63	
Quarter Dollars	5,500.–	
Dimes	4000.–	
Half Dimes	3000	14,773.63
Eagles	1000.–	
Half Eagles	602.47	1602.47
		16,376.10

Mint U.S.
Dec. 26th 1838

My dear Sir

I take advantage of your
Ship's offer, and send you by the
bearer, 200 eagles, which you will
have the kindness to pay over to
Geo. Thomas Esq. Cashier of the
Bank of the Metropolis, receiving
from him, per the Mail, a Bank ~~per~~
draft on us for this amount ~~from~~
~~the~~ now in his hands.

May we not trouble you
to send us per the Mail a receipt
for the same.

Very respectfully Your
Obt. Servt.
R. M. Patterson

Thomas Dunlap, Esq.

Bank of America
New York Dec 26. 1838

R M Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint

Dear Sir

I enclose herein an order from Howland & Aspinwall for the proceeds of deposit made by them on the 15th Inst. the value of which as ascertained is $16376.10/100 and have to request that you will forward the coins to us by the Rail Road Line, sending as much in small coins as you can with convenience.

Very respectfully
Yours &c
J Thompson
Cash

Treasury Department
First Comptrollers Office
December 26th 1838

Sir

Your account as Treasurer of the Mint of
ordinary receipts and expenditures from the first
of April to 30th of September 1838, has been adjusted
at the Treasury and a balance of $37.106.38 stated
to be due from you to the United States.
The Balance acknowledged by you to be due $19006.37
To which add.
Warrant No — dated December 12th 1838 in favor
Since this (qrtr) for which your accounts are rendered
and not yet credited by you but with
which you stand charged on the books
of the Treasury. 18.100 —
Drafts of Mint Rejected per Report No 7 27 1
as above — Dollars 37,106 38

Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Comptroller

William Findlay Esq
Treasurer

Albany N.Y.

Dec 26th 1838.

Dear Sir,

I send you by the hands of Thomas Dunlap Esq, one of the Cashiers of the Bank of the United States, $2000 in eagles, to be paid over to you per [illegible] bankers draft No. 22[illegible] on us in your favor, and which I presume to be now in your possession. I will therefore you to give to Mr. Dunlap this draft, properly endorsed, in his hands you the same.

R. M. P.

To/
George Shannon Esq
Cashier Bank of the United States
Washington.

Mint U. S.
Dec. 24 1835.

Gentlemen

I send you enclosed a Memorandum of your deposite made on the 15th inst., and have to beg that you will send for the coins with as little delay as possible, as we wish them delivered before the end of the year. We will thank you, in the mean while, for instructions as to the manner in which you wish to have them put up. Your agent expressed a desire to have as large a proportion of small silver coins as possible, and we are willing, if not it will be your wish, to give you $10,00 with.

R. M. P.

Wm. Haviland & Stoppinwall
New York

Mint U. S.
Dec 24th 1858.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 21st was received this morning, and in reply I have to state, that gold and silver coins are given at the Mint only in return for gold and silver bullion or foreign coins, & gold bars returned for gold and silver for silver; and that the business must be transacted at the Mint by your agents.

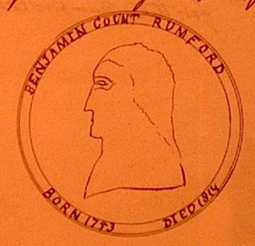
R. M. Patterson
Director

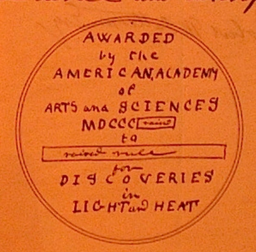
H. Jas. F. Randolph Esq.
Pres't Farm. & Mech. Bank
New Brunswick, N. J.

Cambridge Dec 22d 1838

Dear Sir

I am truly obliged to you for your favour of the 5th and for your kind offer to procure the Rumford Medal ordered by the American Academy. The committee have determined to follow your advice, and I now, under their direction, have to request you to engage Mr Furst to execute the dies, provided he will do it at a price not exceeding $600. The medal to be two and a half inches in diameter. This letter is sealed with a head of Count Rumford, pronounced by his daughter a good likeness. Should it be injured in the mail I will send another by some more safe conveyance. The following will give our idea of a proper arrangement of the device and inscription





It has been suggested that the blanks for the date and name may be made upon the medal in a raised surface, elevated as high as the surface of the other letters, and that the name of the awardee can then be cut out of this so as to leave it in raised letters. If this be practicable we should like it better than to have the name engraved in sunken letters.

The committee desire that it should be finished as soon as possible, and they wish to make it a condition of the bargain that ~~it~~ the dies shall be finished so that the medals may be struck early in May next, or before that time if equally convenient to Mr Furst

Very respectfully your
Obedient Servant
Dan'l Treadwell
for the Rumford Committee

Robert M Patterson Esq

Farmers Mechanics Bank of Baltimore
December 21 1836

Dear Sir,

Can this Bank be supplied from the Mint with 5000 or 6000 Dollars in Gold & Silver coin - say 1000 in dimes & half dimes, and the remainder in gold coin to suit your convenience? If any, at what time, and in what kind of funds will payment be required?

Can the respondentia be made without the personal attendance of an agent at the Mint?

Your attention will oblige a favor.

Very respectfully
Your Most Obt Servt

James D Randolph Cashr

To the Director of the
U S Mint Philadelphia

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, Dec. 21st 1838.

Sir,

I am my desirous of procuring, if it be practicable, a statement of the annual coinage of France, of gold and silver, from the year 1804 to this time; and to learn whether any remedy of coins, struck within this period, have been authorized and made, and if so to what amount. The object of this inquiry is to obtain information to be embodied in a work on Coins now in preparation at the Mint, and which we hope may be of public benefit. ~~If you can aid~~ Your official position will put it in your power, I presume, to procure the information which I desire, and if you can do so the favor will be most gratefully acknowledged.

R. M. P.
Dirctor

To
His Excellency
Gen. Lewis Cass
Minister Plenipotentiary, &c.
Paris

Mint of the United States.
Dec. 20th, 1838.

Sir,

On the 8th of August last I made to you a communication on the subject of the purchase, by Mr. Eckfeldt and myself, of a lot adjoining the Mint, which I now respectfully pray you to bring before the notice of the Committee of Ways & Means, and of which I send a Copy inclosed for this purpose.

My wish is that a law should be passed authorizing the purchase of this lot by the government, and making the needful appropriation for that object, and for the improvements on the lot now immediately called for. My estimate is as follows:

Original Cost of Lot	$21,100
Interest on this sum for 8 mos.	844
Charges incurred	156
For enclosing & other improvements	7,900
Total	$30,000

I may perhaps be wrong in supposing that a separate law is necessary

to attain my object
~~for the above purpose~~, and, in that
case, I would merely ask that
an item be added to the appropri-
ations for the Mint for 1854, "For
purchasing a lot adjoining the Mint,
and inclosing and ~~thereon erecting~~
erecting certain buildings on the same,
$30,000.

R. M. P.

Hon. Louis Wigfall
Sec. of Treasy.

25th CONGRESS, 3d SESSION.

S. 113.

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IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

DECEMBER 20, 1838.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. BROWN asked and obtained leave to bring in the following bill; which was read twice, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

DECEMBER 31, 1838.

Reported without amendment.

A BILL

Supplementary to the act entitled "An act to establish branches of the Mint of the United States," approved March third, eighteen hundred and thirty-five.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the director of the Mint be, and he is hereby, authorized to employ, from time to time, at the several branches of the Mint, such number of workmen and attendants, as, from the representations made to him by the respective superintendents, and from his knowledge of the business of the several branches, he shall deem necessary for the successful and economical prosecution of the work, and the safety of the buildings and other public property, at each branch Mint; which said workmen and assistants shall be employed and paid in all respects according to the provisions of the act entitled "An act supplementary to the act entitled 'An act establishing a Mint, and regulating the coins of the United

States,'" approved on the eighteenth day of January, eighteen hundred and thirty-seven.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be lawful for the director of the Mint, by and with the advice and consent of the President of the United States, to direct the coinage of silver as well as gold at the branches of the Mint at Charlotte and Dahlonega, in case he shall believe that the same machinery employed for coining gold can, without injury to it, and without any material expense for alterations, be beneficially employed in said coinage: *Provided*, That the silver coined at said branches shall be of the denomination of quarter dollars and under.

Mint of the United States.
Dec. 17th, 1838.

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 12th inst. I have to state that the Clerk of the Weigh room, with whom all deposites are made in the first instance, has no recollection of any person calling himself Sylvanus Ellis, a bearer of bullion at the Mint, nor of any person calling at the Mint of the description given by Mr. Ely; and it is certain that no bearer of the kind mentioned in your letter was left at the Mint, nor have there any bullion of the sort described by you been in deposite in May last.

Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
R. M. Patterson
Director

Hon. Isaac Bigelow, Esq.
Newbury, Mass.

Mint U.S.
Dec. 17th, 1838.

Sir, In compliance with your instructions I have this day deposited in the Mechanics Bank to the credit of the Treasurer of the U.S., $42107.77 the balance left in my hands by my Predecessor Dr. Moore, of the appropriation of June 27, 1834, "to enable the Director of the Mint to procure the necessary apparatus for parting gold bullion by the sulphuric acid &c."

The certificate of deposite is inclosed

R. M. Patterson
Director

The Hon. Levi Woodbury
Sec. of Treasury

Mechanicsburg Bank

Phila Dec 7 1835

This will Certify that Robt M. Patterson Esq Director of the Mint of the U States has this day deposited to the Credit of the Treasurer of the United States in this Bank the sum of Four Thousand Nine Hundred and Ten dollars 77 Cents on Special Deposite & having given him Duplicate Receipts for the same.

H C Orne Cashier

$4910.77

Mint U. S.
Dec 12th 1838

Sir,

The balance of the profits of the Dep[osi]te account up to the 18th of January 1837, (the date of the new Mint law) is to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States, and so stands on our books in that account. It amounts to ## ten thousand five hundred & fifty one dollars and 37 cents, ($10,551.37.) We wish to close this account finally, by paying this balance, and as the readiest mode of accomplishing this, I would respectfully request an order from your department to transfer this balance from the depos account, either to the U.S. Mint deposite under the 31st sect. of the law of 18th Jan. 1837, or to the U.S. Bullion ~~Deposite~~ account under the proviso in Sect. 12 of the law of July 1836.

R. M. P.

To
Hon. Levi Woodbury
Sec. of Treasury

Baltimore [illegible] Dec 12 1858

Mr. Patterson Esqr

Dear Sir,

In compliance with a request of Mr. Robert Ely of Bryants who called at your Store last evening from Ox Institution that he communicate to the care of Messrs Symmes of J. Bryants to carry to the Mint of the United States to have coined - Mr. Ely's Ox died the 2d Inst the 3rd the South Meadow that you had seen no Animals like the one he described. Mr. Ely says he faithfully described the Animals the Ox & the Person by whom he sent it &c as I did not see Mr. Ely's letter, I shall add a few words by way of description in the following questions which I beg leave to ask in the behalf of Mr. Ely, humbly requesting you to answer them without delay that there is room at the Mint of the U.S. on May last from the N. the fat of the Ox from any other place about five feet two inches in height of a dark complexion in matters of dress most appropriate calling himself by the name of Mr. Ely or any other name? or some that would answer the description Mr. A Gave of him?

Had any bullion in the form of small bars been coined or tendered to be coined on the twenty first of May last or about that time at the Mint from this vicinity or elsewhere Had any bullion been sent by you or your correspondent about that time and answering the description Mr. A Gave of it?

Yours in Haste Sch. Wright

Treasury Department
Dec. 10. 1835.

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of and to thank you for your Eagles transmitted by you.

I transmit enclosed a draft on the Girard Bank for the amount - Viz. $ 20. being on my private account. I remain very Respy

Jas. Rh. Poinsett
Sec. of the Treasy.

R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philada

Mint U. S.
Dec. 10th 1838.

Sir,

A mistake of one of our clerks has run into an error in my requisition sent on the 4th inst. That which I now enclose, for the same amount, will, I hope, be found both explicit and accurate.

R. M. P.

Hon. Levi Woodbury
Sec. of Treasury

Mint U. S.
Dec. 10th, 1898.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will issue your warrant in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint, for Eighteen thousand One hundred dollars, being the balance remaining of the appropriations for 1897, under the following heads, viz:

"For wastage of gold and silver, and contingent expenses of the Mint, including improvements in machinery" $ 8,100

"For expenses incident to the introduction of new machinery and appurtenances," — 10,000

Total $18,100

Respectfully,

R. M. S.
Director

To Hon. Lewis McCoy
Sec. of Treasury.

In Senate of the U. States
December 20 1838

Extract

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to communicate to the Senate, as early as may be convenient after the Mint returns for the present year are received, statements shewing

1. The amount of Gold coined at the Mint and its branches, since the Gold Bill of 1834 took effect, distinguishing the bullion from which the same was coined, so as to shew how much was coined from foreign gold, how much from United States Coins of the former standard, and how much from gold of the United States mines.

Boston, December 18. 1838.

To R. M. Patterson Esq.

Dear Sir,

Since the receipt of your last letter, I have procured for you a very few modern European coins, in duplicate; — and also duplicates of the tical of Siam, — a silver coin, weighing about half a dollar; — and in size and shape resembling, nearly, a small musket ball. The inscription on this last, (if it can be called an inscription) is unintelligible to all the learned ones, in this neighborhood, who have seen it. Perhaps you have already seen this coin; if not, I shall send the few which I have collected, by a private hand, — probably in the course of two or three weeks.

I have procured an order to be sent to the American Consul, at Athens, for a complete duplicate set of the coins of modern Greece, — which I hope to receive in the course of the winter, — and in season to be of some use to you.

The principal object of writing, at this time, is to ask of you the favor, when you are entirely at leisure, to inform me of the number and the value (in round numbers) of the

coins, whether American or foreign, which have been laid aside for me at the Mint. I hope to have an opportunity, in a short time, to send for them.

I have succeeded in procuring all the American dollars, except those of 1794, 1795, 1804 and 1805. This last I can scarcely hope to obtain, - as the number struck seems to be very small. A few days since, I had fortunate enough to procure a small silver coin of Cecil, Lord Baltimore, "Dominus terræ Mariæ". This I had never seen before; - tho' it is doubtless in the Collection of Mr. Fisher.

Believe me

Yr. obliged Servt.

W. G. Stearns.

Mint of U.S.
Dec. 10th 1838.

Sir,

I wish in compliance with the
request to send you by the first
opportunity, a remittance of eagles,
and, to enable me to do so promptly
I will thank you to send a transfer
draft on the Treasury of the United States
for the amount you wish. You have
mentioned $1000 but I would
suggest that it be at least $2000.

R. M. T. S.

Hon. Levi Woodbury
Sec. of Treasury.

Treasury Department
Decem^r 7^th 1838

Sir,

Your draft in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint for $18000 is received and in reply, I have to observe, that it is necessary to designate the appropriation out of which the draft is to be paid - so as to enable the department to charge the amount drawn for, under its proper head.

You merely say for "incidental and contingent expenses" when there are two different acts appropriating money for "contingencies" of the Mint; one in 1837 "for wastage of gold and silver and contingent expenses including improvements in Machinery" and another in 1838 "for the pay of labour in the various Departments of the Mint, and for contingent expenses only"

I am very respectfully
Your Ob^t Servt

Levi Woodbury
Secretary of the Treasury

R. M. Patterson Esq^r
Director
Mint Phila

P.S. Your letter is returned

Treasury Department
Dec^r. 14 1838.

Sir,

Your several letters of the 12th. instant have been accorded and I have by this Mail requested the Treasurer of the Mint to deposit in the Mexicanmining Bank to the special credit of the Treasurer of the United States the sum of $10.551.37 now in his hands - the balance of the proffits of the Copper account.

You will be pleased also to deposit in the like manner the $al. as per Clause of the Appropriation made June 24. 1834 "to enable the Director" "of the Mint to procure the necessary Apparatus for parting" "Gold & Silver by the Sulphuric Acid &c.

I remain very Respy
Your Obed^t. Sv^t.
Levi Woodbury
Sec. of the Treas^y.

D. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philad^a.

Mint of the United States
Dec. 5th 1838.

Dear Sir

~~I have delayed answering your~~
~~letter of the 29th ult~~

I have been much pleased by the receipt of your letter of the 29th ult., because I think the award of the first Rumford premium to Dr. Hare, recommended by the Committee richly merited.

As to the execution of the Medal I will most cheerfully give you all the aid which my position enables me to afford. The medal voted, sometime to bind, by Congress, has for many years been executed by Mr. Moritz Furst, as to the sinking of the dies, and thus struck at the Mint by our Chief Coiner Mr. Adam Eckfeldt. I would recommend the same course for the Rumford Medal. Mr. Furst is in Philadelphia, but I have not been able to meet with him since I received your letter. He lives, however, that his charge for

the dies would not exceed from
$600 to $800 dollars, respecting the
dies to be 2½ inches in diameter.
The medals themselves, — one of pure
gold and one of pure silver will
cost you, in addition, about
$200. So that your first ap-
propriation need not exceed $1000.

If you wish me to make a
contract with me. First, I pray
you to let me know, and, at the
same time, to forward a design for
the medal, with such likenesses
of Count Rumford as you would
wish to have placed.

I pray you to command my
services truly,

B. Thompson

To
Daniel Treadwell, Esq.

Mint of the United States,
Dec 6. 1838.

Sir

The amount of gold remaining uncoined at the Mint on the 31st of October, 1838, was $155.508.

Deposited in November:

Bullion of the U.S.	$4.803	
Old Coins of the U.S.	141.	
Foreign Bullion	11.567.	
& Coins	4.591.	21.102.
		$176.611

Coined in November:

In Half Eagles	84.770.
Remaining uncoined, Nov. 30. 1838 —	$91.841

Very respy.
Yr faithful Servt
(signed) R. M. Patterson
Director

To
Hon. Levi Woodbury
Sec of Treas y.
Washington.

Mint of the U. S.
December 4. 1838.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will issue your Warrant, in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint, for Eighteen Thousand, One hundred dollars, ($18.100.) On account of Incidental & Contingent Expenses.

I am respectfully,
Your faithful servant

(Signed) R. M. Patterson
Director

To
Hon. Levi Woodbury,
Sec. of Treasury

Auditor

Mint of the United States.
Dec. 4th, 1838.

Sir, I have the honour to request that you will issue your warrant, in favour of the Treasurer of the Mint for Eighteen thousand one hundred dollars, ($18,100,) on account of Incidental and Contingent Expenses.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful Servant,
R. M. Patterson
Director.

To
Hon. Levi Woodbury
Secretary of the Treasury.

Washington. 4th. Dec. 1838

Dear Sir;

I have received a copy of the proceedings of "the American Philosophical Society" in Sept & Oct. 1838 — by your kindness —

Be pleased to accept my thanks for an opportunity to peruse them, and rest assured I am

Respectfully Yours

Levi Woodbury

Dr. R. M. Patterson

Philadelphia

Bank of America
New York Dec 28. 1838.

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint

Sir

Agreeably to your request
I herein return the Warrant & receipt
forwarded in yours of yesterday with
my receipt thereon.

Very respectfully
Yours
J. Thornton
Cash.

Wrote the Hon. Mr. Pickens
of Mr. Buchanan,
7 Jan 38.

Dear Mark Pleasants

Dec. 31, 1838

Dear Sir

I received your favor of
2 inst. & note the contents. the disposition you allude
to was made in Oct. & the receipt sent as desired
& I should not be ready to say from the date
of the letter a year since. Mr. Chalmers informed
me that the circumstances relative to navigation in Lond
co. rendered it not necessary for the present as there
is no necessity for incurring the heavy expense of
this transportation by land. I am pressed

Yours Respectfully

Yours

Co. Dayton

R. M. Pettibone Esq

Cne hand Decembes 31st, 1838.

No. 345.	℔ 120.—		Fornard ℔	4055.—	
" 355.	185.—		No. 383.	180.	
" 356.	170.—		" 384.	50.	
" 357.	175.—		" 385.	165.	
" 358.	170.—		" 386.	130.	
" 359.	170.—		" 387.	115.	
" 360.	180.—		" 388.	130.	
" 361.	180.—		" 389.	50.	
" 362.	170.—		" 390.	180.	
" 363.	160.—		" 391.	50.	
" 364.	70.—		" 392.	180.	
" 365.	110.—		" 393.	100.	
" 366.	165.—		" 394.	50.	
" 367.	115.—		" 395.	120.	
" 368.	165.—		" 396.	60.	
" 369.	80.—		" 397.	60.	
" 370.	75.—		" 398.	180.	
" 371.	175.—		" 399.	180.	
" 372.	185.—		" 400.	175.	
" 373.	180.—		" 401.	180.	
" 374.	105.—		" 402.	175.	
" 375.	180.—		" 403.	180.	
" 376.	175.—		" 404.	180.	
" 377.	170.—			6925.	
" 378.	175.—	Remnant in Kegs.		156.38	
" 379.	70.—	Total Amount in Kegs.		7081.38	
" 380.	130.—	" " in Bags.		41.55	
" 381.	50.—				
	4055.	Fornard	Cents a Signed	₹ 7122.93	
			31st Dec 1838.		

Statement of Copper Account
from 29th January to 31st Dec. 1838.

Invoices of Copper planchets purchased for coinage.

	No.	Troy grs.	dec	Mint Wt.	Invoice Cost
Invoice	3	3920	56,919.40	Mint Wt.	£1254 40
"	4	5096	74,033.90	"	1630 72
"	5	4704	68,320.20	"	1505 28
"	6	9405	136,645.40	"	3010 56
"	7	7840	113,885.40	"	2508 80
"	8	15288	221,642.40	"	4872 16
"	9	7056	102,312.30	"	2251 92
"	10	8232	119,485.80	(short wt.) 1657	2634 24
"	11	17640	256,800.00	(do) 3328	5644 80
"	12	10192	147,961.80	"	3261 44
"	13	9800	142,355.60	"	3136 00
"	14	10192	148,083.50	(do) 6451	3261 44
"	15	5096	74,016.90	"	1630 72
"	16	11368	165,159.50	"	3410 40
"	17	20384	296,802.50	(do) 2348	6319 04
		146216	2,123,457.40		46357 92
		Deduct for short weight			190 05
					46167 87
		Add Expenses of distribution of copper Coins per Copper Acct. page 151 Ledger			713 18 £46,881 05

Copper Coins rec.d from the Coiner produced from the above Invoices

1838			cwt.	qrs.	lbs.	Mint Wt.	Coinage
January	31	Received from Coiner	33,250.00				950 00
February	28	Do	194,250.00				5550 00
March	31	Do	215,250.00				6360 55
April	30	Do	222,250.00				6350 00
May	31	Do	307,125.00				8775 00
June	30	Do	315,250.00				9082 86
July	31	Do	68,250.00				1950 00
August	31	Do	296,653.00				8572 73
Octo.r	31	Do	147,875.00				4225 00
Nov.r	30	Do	45,500.00				1300 00
Dec.r	31	Do	239,175.00				6969 08
			2,083,403.00				60085 22
		Profit on Coinage	40,054.40				1161 15
			2,123,457.40				61246 37

Invoices from 1st to 29th Jan.y

	125,786.80	£2759.65			
Copper coined from above	125,786.80	3618.73	85705	62,103 42	
				15,222 37	

Profits on Copper.

From 1st Jan.y to 30th June £9388.57

Do 2d July to 31st Dec.r 5,833.80 15,222.37

Profits from 1st Jan.y to 30th June £9388.57

Ded.t profits from 146,627 Sov.s 8557.52 £831.52

Do from 2d July to 31st Dec.r £ 5,833.80

1,161.15 4672.65 13,204.17

Distribution of Copper Coins. February 1838

Date	Packages	To whom sent or delivered.	Where sent.	Bags P.M. Indiv.	Value.	Small Sums Distributed	Expenses of Distribution. Items.	Paid.	Ref.
Feby 13	1	Bank of America	N.Y.	1	100.—	30.—	Freight &c.	1.70	1.
17	2	Post Office	Phil.	—	100.—	10.—	Cartage	.50	3.
18	—	—	—	—	—	25.—	For 20 Keg's	15.00	4
19	—	—	—	—	—	15.—	For 60 Bags	3.75	5.
20	—	—	—	—	—	35.—	For 50 boxes	25	
21	—	—	—	—	—	40.—	—	—	—
23	—	—	—	—	—	20.—	—	—	—
24	—	—	—	—	—	10.—	For trap rent & Bunting rets	4.50	7
25	—	—	—	—	—	50.—	Freight, &c.	28.—	8.
26	—	—	—	—	—	20.—	—	—	—
27	—	—	—	—	—	20.—	—	—	—
28	—	—	—	—	—	20.—	—	—	—
"	3				120.—				
"	4				120.—				
"	5				110.—				
"	6				130.—				
"	7	Crocker & Co.	Taunton	2	110.—		Freight	10.—	9.
"	8				130.—		Portage	4.—	10.
"	9				120.—				
"	10				120.—				
"	11				120.—				
"	12				120.—				
					1100.—	325.—	Expenses	92.45	
					325.—				
Distributed in the month of February					1725.—				

Mint of the United States,
Dec. 31. 1838.

Gentlemen,

Your letter of the 27th inst. has been duly received. On consulting with the Treasury, I find that it is judged most expedient to make the payment of your bill in copper coins: Your instructions, on the subject, will therefore be attended to.

Very respy,
Your faithful Servt
Signed R. M. Patterson,
Director.

To
Messrs. Crocker Brothers & Co.
Taunton,
Mass.

Statement, Showing the "Amount of Gold, coined at the Mint and its Branches, from ~~June~~ August 1. 34 to Dec. 31. 38, & also the kinds of Bullion from which it was Coined.

Periods.	Coinage of Gold.	Deposites of Foreign Gold	Do. of Old Coins U.S.	Do. of U.S. Bullion	Deposits Total.
	Dollars.	Dollars.	Dollars.	Dollars.	Dollars.
5 mos. in 1834	3,570 725	2,337,408	1,867 000	583 709	4,005 117
1835	2,186 175	986 000	160 500	698 500	1,845 000
1836	4,135 700	3,612 000	5 000	467 000	4,084 000
1837	1,148 305	841 200	21 800	282 000	1,145 000
Mint & Branch. 1838	1,809 395	1,497 400	5 000	435 100	1,937 500
		9,291,008	2,259 200		
Sum.	12,850 500	9,264	549 1,045	759 2,466 309	13,016 617

Massachusetts Bank,
Boston, Dec. 29. 1838.

Robt. M. Patterson, Esq.

Sir.

This Bank is in want of quarter of Dollars, to the amount of $2000. And I am instructed to make the enquiry, on what terms and how soon they can be furnished at the Mint? —

A reply at early as your convenience will permit, will oblige

Yours Respectfully,

Jamd Dodd
Cash.

Treasury Department
December 28 1838.

Sir,

I transmit, enclosed, an Extract from a Resolution of the Senate of the United States of the 20th. inst. and wish thank you to furnish me, as soon after the expiration of the year as practicable, with all the information in your possession, necessary to enable me to comply with the Resolution.

I remain very Respy
Your Obed. Svt
Levi Woodbury
Sec. of the Treasy.

Wm. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philada

The undersigned hereby engages to engrave a hub and a reverse die for the Rumford Medal, for the American Academy of Arts and Sciences at Boston. The obverse to have on it the portrait of Count Rumford, and the reverse a suitable legend. The dies to be 2¾ inches in diameter. For this work, the undersigned will charge four hundred dollars, payable on the completion of the dies.

Moritz Fürst

Mint U. S.
March 1 1859.

Gentlemen

Your invoice of plumbers, by the Stella, has been received, and your instructions as to the payment thereof shall be promptly attended to.

Our Chief Coiner complains that these plumbers are the roughest that he has yet been called upon to coin. He would desire that one of your rolls at least, if not more, be forty ounces. I take the liberty of sending you a specimen in proof of it, and I advise you that there are many good as bad, and that nearly all are rough in the faces. I pray that this evil may be corrected.

R. M. P.
Dir

Messrs Crocker Brothers

Patent Agency
Bureau of Patents Feb 8th
Washington 8th 1839

Sir

We have had occasion that our Agency have taken
three dollars each for examining & paying Patents and
I have intended to have made arrangements through our
Representation at Washington to have got it brought to an
issue it has been delayed, until it is too late - as they
have now left an ordinance

As the object for which it is wanted is of such a
nature, I have thought that you would furnish it under
the circumstances, without an application through the
Treasury - and having an act to send to Philadelphia,
have requested Mr Lincoln P.M. Lock Bay, to call - and if
convenient get from him one or two thousand dollars
in exchange for Philadelphia Notes -

We are respectfully
Yr. obt. Servts
C. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

William Henry Boswell
for W. Patterson Post X
Washington City

Mint of the United States,
March 2. 1839.

Sir,

The amount of gold remaining uncoined at the Mint on the 31st January ~~1839~~, was . . . . . $ 27,094.

Deposits in February:

Bullion of the United States,	11,410.
Foreign Bullion . . .	1800.
Foreign Coins	1535
	14,745
	$ 41,839
Coinage of Gold in February (all in Eagles)	19,090
Remaining uncoined, February 28. 1839,	$ 22,749

Very respectfully
your faithful Servt

Hon. Levi Woodbury
Secy of the Treasury

Rec'd March 8th, 1839, of Rufus
Tyler Esq by the hands of Dr. R. M. Patterson,
One hundred and twenty seven dollars &
50 cents, in full for principal and interest
of his note of 6th Nov. 1838 Elizabeth Cooper
$127.50.

Rec? March 8th 1839, of Rufus Tyler
Esq. by the hands of D. R. M. Patterson,
Twenty two dollars & 50 cents.
$ 22.50 Isaiah C. Waldron

Philad.a 1st Novem.r 1838

On Demand I promise to pay Adam Eckfeldt or Order One hundred and Fifty Dollars without defalcation for Value Received

Dol.s 150

[illegible]

Rec.d March 7th 1839 of the hands of Dr. R. M. Patterson, payment in full of the above note rehanded.

$150

Adam Eckfeldt

$125.

Dated 6th Nov. 1838

Endorsed Pay to the order of Mrs Elizabeth Tyler on demand the sum of one hundred and twenty five dollars without deduction for value received

Hughes Tyler

U S B Mint New Orleans
March 7th 1839

Sir,

I have the honor to Report that I herewith inclose an account of the deposites received for Coinage in this Branch Mint since the first of August last as nearly in Conformity with your directions of the 17th October last as can be made. The minus requiring much more space to set it forth than the specimen sent would admit.

Up to this time we have but one Coining press in operation and that the least of the three we have. About the Middle of January Mr Tyler struck a few pieces — half dollars — in the large press. He informed me that the half dollar dies that had been received at this Branch Mint were made for Mr Eckfeldts press and were too short for the large press in this Branch Mint. He informed me that he had fitted a Number to supply the length in which the half dollar dies, we have, are deficient but that it was crushed after striking a few pieces. We urgently need the quarter dollar, the half dollar and a further supply of the dime and half dime dies for this year and I respectfully request that they be forwarded to this Branch Mint by the earliest opportunity. I have to request that you inform me how many pieces a set of dies generally strike and whether we may use the dies we have on hand for 1838?

I have the pleasure of acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 13th ultc. and its enclosure.

I remain Your Faithful Servant
David Bradford
Supt.

To
Dr R M Patterson
Director
Mint Philada

New York March 9 1836

Peter R. Dey Esq.

Executor of the U. S. Bank Pa.

Dear Sir

I take the liberty to inform you
herewith that I am largely engaged
in the manufacture of Rolled Gold
Bullion & Specie Coin which I
propose to the principal Gold Assay
& Jobbing of this city to have coined at the
factories & would be supply the former
to supply in future the wants of the U. S.
Mint. I will promise to deliver Bullion
& Specie Coin of uniform strength
& purity and on equal terms as any
other establishment of your city and
engage to keep in the hands of my
Agents — Your City a sufficient supply

the price for absolute pure Nitric acid
of 40° B. is 20/ per Muriatic Acid
of 20° B 5/ per Carboy Muriatic Acid 3/.
The manner of my applying to you is
a consequence of your having
been recommended among Orthodox Friends
if you are a stranger to them with them
Bankers Gurney Hoare & Co
Market St. a letter of good Credit
would also suit me. I am
for the inspection of Franklin Peale Esq.
who will I hope favor you in the
favours bestowed upon me by your
future orders
With high consideration
I am Sir
Your most obt
Servt

Merchants Bank
Newyork Mar. 11. 1839

R. M. Patterson Esq

Dear Sir

The bearer of this Mr Thomas Smyth, goes on to Philadelphia for the purpose of obtaining for this Bank One hundred & fifty thousand dollars in specie. He will deliver to you a draft of the Treasurer of the United States on the Mint of the U. States for the amount viz No. 7331, issued on Warrant No. 4956 in part, Mar. 1. 1839, and payable to Tho. W. Olcott Esq.

We should like to obtain the whole amount of this Draft in Silver; at all events as much of it in that metal as you can spare us & particularly 10, to 15,000 dollars in small coins. dimes, half dimes & quarters - of which we wish to furnish Mr Olcott a supply for the pension office at Albany -

I am, dr.
Thos. Smyth

Respectfully yours
John J. Palmer.
Pres.

Treasury of the United States,

11 March 1839.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive One Treasury Draft made payable to your order, together with a descriptive list of the same, combined with a receipt therefor, which you will please to sign and return to this office, by return of mail.

I am, respectfully,

Sir your obedient servant,

John Campbell,

Treasurer of the United States.

R. M. Patterson Esqr

Mint of the United States.
March 13th, 1839.

Sir,

In your letter of the 9th inst. acknowledging the receipt of our gold report for February, you state that "it is hoped and expected that all proper steps will be taken to keep the Mint and its Branches actively employed the ensuing season."

This remark suggests to me the propriety of stating to you that the Mint is at this time almost out of work, and that I do not know of any probability of receiving large deposits of bullion. The great source, Mexico, from which we have hitherto received our principal supplies, seems to be closed by the troubles in that country.

The enclosed statement will show how small have been our deposites since January 1st that month the Bank of the United States gave us 400,000 Mexican dollars, but it is not probable that they will send us more. As to foreign gold coins, they are kept out of the Mint by the overvaluation given to

than by the Act of June 28th 1834,
to which I have called attention in
vain.

On the 5th of February I wrote
to the Assistant Treasurer at Boston to ask if the Bank
of America had a supply of bullion
in foreign coins which they would lend
us, as we can then at comparatively little
We argued that they had not, but
that they would be willing to enter into
an engagement similar to that which
preceded as one former ~~public deposite~~
supply from Mexico and South America.
The present money relations of the Government make me fear that this is
impracticable; but I respectfully submit the proposition to your judgment
and discretion.

I believe that the deficiency of coins
at present in the Banks is very small,
and that another suspension is to be
feared, perhaps at an early day. If
it occurs, the fund in the Mint will
be found lamentably diminished, and
I do not know means can be found to replenish it.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
R. M. T.
Hon. Levi Woodbury
Sec. of Treasury

Deposits of Bullion received at the Mint.

Silver:

1839.	
January	$409,829.57
February	1,692.40
To March 11th.	8,034.61
	$419,056.58
Of which was from Bk U States	$400,513.87

Gold:

1839.	
January	$11,763.16
February	11,745.31
To March 11th.	7,044.19
	$33,552.66
Of which was from Bk. U States	$2,518.14

Deposits repaid.

Silver:	Gold:
$3,004.90	$372.09
574.05	644.28
213.18	382.27
32.47	2,941.56
$3,824.60	$4,340.22

Treasury Department
March 12th. 1839.

Sir,

The Acts of Congress of 10 April 1806 - and 25 & 28th. of June 1834 - Regulating the values of certain foreign Gold and Silver Coins within the Ustates provide, that it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury of the Ustates to cause assays of said Gold and Silver Coins made current by those acts to be had at the Mint of the Ustates at least once in every year and to make report of the result thereof to Congress.

The Report required was made by your predecessor in 1835 and does not appear to have been received at the Department since that period. I beg to call your attention to the subject and will thank you to state, how it has occurred that the Reports have not been made annually as required.

I take occasion to state also, that it does not appear that the value of certain Coins taken from the mints of the Treasury Dollar in 1838 and transmitted some time afterwards to the Mint has been placed to the credit of the Treasurer of the Ustates

as

as promised in your letter of 16 May 1830. The same appears to be the case as to the foreign Coins sent for assay in 1834.

I remain very Respy
Your Obed. Servt
Levi Woodbury
Sec. of the Treasury.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philada.

P. S. Perhaps a report as to the value of the foreign Coins might soon be made & transmitted to me, that all the Coins in arrears of that description could be made cash items.

P.P.S. The dies referred to in your letter last just received have not come to hand.

U S B Mint New Orleans
March 29th 1839

Sir

Your letters of the 14th and 15th inst. are before me & the pair of half dollar dies which you sent on the 12th have also arrived.

I stated to Mr Tyler that you advised that the dies of 1838 be not used and I suggested that it would be best to return them to you, thinking that they might serve some purpose, but he thought it not worth while. I have to request that you give me such directions in relation to the dies of 1838 now on hand in this Branch Mint as the case requires.

I have the pleasure of informing you that Mr Tyler has got the half dollar coining press in operation. He commenced striking on the evening of the 27th inst and the press is now performing admirably.

I Remain
Your Faithful Servant
David Bradford
Supt

P.S. The quarter Eagle dies, two pair, sent by you on the 14th inst. have arrived.
D. B.

Mint U. S.
March 15. 1839.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt, this morning, of your letter of the 7th inst., with the accompanying reports of the operation of your Mint.

I wrote yesterday to inform you, that I had sent, under the frank of the Sec. of the Treasury, the following dies for your Mint;

On the 26th ult., 2 pairs of half dollar dies.

On the 12th inst., 1 pair of half dollar dies.

On the 14th inst., 2 pairs of quarter-eagle dies.

I repeat this information because, through mistake, my letter was sent by the ordinary mail. We are now getting dime and half-dime dies ready for you.

I advise that the dies of 1838 be not used by you, tho' we have sometimes used the dies of a particular year, for a few days after its close.

The number of pieces that can be struck with a pair of dies depends upon the hardening, and is very variable. Our average is about 200,000.

Very respy,
Your faithf.l Serv.t

R. M. P.
Director

To
David Bradford, Esq.
Supt. Br Mint,
New Orleans.

Mint of the United States.
March 15th, 1839.

My dear Sir,

Your fellow-officers are anxious to present to you, on your retirement from the Mint, a testimonial of their ~~high~~ esteem and ~~affections~~ attachment, and have fixed upon a Medal as the most appropriate gift that they could select. I am therefore to request, in their name, that you will give to Christ, who is engaged to ~~make~~ set the face dies, the necessary sittings to enable to ~~form~~ make a correct likeness of him whom it is our duty to honor.

With sincere regard
Your friend & Sc.
W. M. Patterson,
Director

Hon. Adam Eckfeldt Esq.
Chief Coiner

Saturday afternoon

Dear Sir

Presuming upon the confidence with which you have honored me in the premises I took the liberty to pencil you a little note relative to Mr Browning. May I be permitted to suggest two things —

1st The contingency of Mr A Ashfield's removing to this place with Mr B might be fully prepared to leave Virginia as stated. — Would not the delay endanger the old gentleman's plans & expectations and leave the ~~mind~~ subject open to the agitations of doubt & uncertainty for another year? — But perhaps I have misapprehended the terms — that all the offices in the nation shall be removed to the City of the Mint ~~shall~~ previous the 1st January 1838 is a question for that. I presume is entirely to the interest of the great financial Powers to view of the great financial question. — We are all agreed that the present system in Banks must ~~be~~ end. — Shall we explain the drawings of paper money & like to get out all the hard money we can?

but as for any decided opposition to persons of the government system. I doubt whether Mr. J. Eckfeldt has even settled his mind and am sure I have not. the truth is, we have taken no little interest in the matter, even to come to any decision. And if you can pardon me, I would suggest the "adoption of the plan" as far as I know "after the model" as indeed to all the offices of the Mint.

I am sure you will take this apparent intrusion as it is meant; and at the same time are not sure that I am an officer within the view of your expression in the letter, and therefore scarcely know how to frame a right apology for this note.

Most respectfully
your obedt. servt.
M L Boudinot.

Washington 16 March 1839

My dear Sir

I received your letter mentioning the appointment of our worthy old friend Mr. Eckfeldt. I saw the President yesterday and told him generally your views. I am quite satisfied that he will be careful to ascertain the fitness of the person before he makes any appointment. At the same time he is certainly desirous that the names of some - and there must be many - known to be of sound democratic principles should be laid before him. You know the great and just mortification felt in Pennsylvania at lucrative and important offices being held by our known opponents, who would not hesitate, if in power for a moment in proscribing the slightest difference of opinion - and who, as it is, do so much to injure and depreciate those who entertain political principles at variance with their own. You can form no idea, living as you do in Philadelphia, of the feeling on this subject of the whole democratic party in Congress. The place in question is certainly one of confidence the duties

functions

distinction and importance. And if vacant and a person is to be selected I am sure the President will be very reluctant to fill it with any one who is not – in addition to being a confidential officer – also acceptable to his friends. Is there no such man of reputation known to you in Virginia, New York – or perhaps in the various intermediate districts of the South? I write this to you confidentially to keep the result of my interview with the President. If I learn any thing further as to his sentiments I will let you know.

Very truly Yours
H. D. Gilpin

Dr. Robert M. Patterson
Philadelphia

Mint of the United States,
March 19. 1839.

Sir.

I have the honor to submit a Report upon the Assays of certain Gold and Silver Coins, specified in the acts of Congress of April 10th 1806, and June 28th, 1834.

Gold Coins.

Great Britain. The assay is 915½ thousandths fine, which falls short of the legal fineness by one thousandth. The value per dwt. is therefore 94 $\frac{62}{100}$ cents. (Mint of forty and twenty francs)

France. Assay, 899 thousandths; less than the proper fineness by one thousandth. Value per dwt. 92 $\frac{82}{100}$ cents.

Spain and Mexico. Assay various, but averaging 886 thousandths; value per dwt. 89 $\frac{51}{100}$ cents.

Peru and Chili. The assay is uncertain, but an average of 868 thousandths is a safe assumption. Value per dwt. 89 $\frac{71}{100}$ cents.

Colombia. A marked difference is found in the fineness of coins of the two mints, Bogota and Popayan. The former will average 870 fine, worth 89 $\frac{92}{100}$ cents per dwt; the latter, 858 fine, and worth 88 $\frac{62}{100}$ cents per dwt. The smaller denominations of ~~the two~~ Mints, as the eighth and sixteenth of a Doubloon, do not assay as well as the doubloon; ~~but as they have a limited circulation, the difference compared with the large pieces, the difference is not material~~ by about 5 thousandths, in the respective cases.

In 1831, the Colombian Union was dissolved, and the three states of Venezuela, New Grenada, and Ecuador, became independent

of each other. The coin of Colombia, known as ~~has been~~ retained in the coins of New Granada up to the year 1836 inclusive. In 1837 a new coinage appeared, with different devices. Doubloons of this emission, dated 1837 and 1838, average 871 fine, and are worth 90 $\frac{02}{100}$ cents per dwt.

A half doubloon, coin of Ecuador (Mint of Quito) has been assayed here; it proves to be 844 fine. No coins of Venezuela since the disunion, have been received.

~~Portugal, coin of Brazil. Assay 914 thousandths fine; value per dwt. 94 $\frac{66}{100}$ cents.~~

Bolivia. Assay, 870 thousandths fine; value, 89 $\frac{82}{100}$ cents per dwt.

Central America and La Plata, no late specimens. Those coins are considerably debased, as well as irregular. ~~Doubloons~~ Coins of Central America may, however, be safely enough received as 830 fine, and therefore worth 85 $\frac{79}{100}$ cents per dwt; La Plata, 815 fine, and of the value of 84 $\frac{24}{100}$ cents per dwt.

Portugal and Brazil. Assay. 914 fine, value per dwt. 94 $\frac{66}{100}$ cents.

Silver Coins.

Spanish Dollars. The pillar dollars, coin of Spanish America, ceased to be coined about the year 1822. The dollars of the Peninsula are not reputed in fineness, but will average the same quality as our own coin, and are therefore worth 116 $\frac{31}{100}$ cents per ounce.

The Coins of France ceased to be issued in 1793. – The pieces of five francs, $\frac{9}{10}$ths of the standard fineness of our coin.

The Brazilian pieces of 960 reis, being a re-stamp of the Spanish dollar, $\frac{9}{10}$ths also of the same fineness as our coin.

The Mexican Dollars of Mexico, upon an average of the 2 mints, and in the proportion in which they are usually presented here, are 897 thousandths fine, and worth 115 $\frac{97}{100}$ cents per dwt. oz.

The Dollars of Central America are about 896 fine, and worth 115 $\frac{54}{100}$ cents per dwt. oz.

The Dollars of Peru, and, since the disunion, of the States of North Peru and South Peru, may be safely received at an average fineness of 901 thousandths, equivalent to 116 $\frac{49}{100}$ cents per oz. dwt.

The Dollars of Chili, are of the average fineness of 906 thousandths, and worth 117 $\frac{13}{100}$ cents per dwt. oz.

Mint of the United States
March 18th 1839

Dear Sir

In reply to your note of the 15th Instant, touching a Subject deeply interesting to my feelings, — I have to say that, consideRations of friendly regard have induced me to comply with the wishes of yourself and fellow Officers of the United States Mint

Accept assurances of my high respect

Adam Eckfeldt

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director of the
United States Mint

Mint of the United States
March 18. 1839

Sir,

I have the honour to submit a Report upon the assays of certain Gold and Silver Coins, specified in the Acts of Congress, of April 10th 1806, and June 28th, 1834. The following Tabular view will exhibit the kinds of Coin, their legal fineness, their actual fineness, and their value by weight.

Gold Coins.

	Legal Fineness in carats	Legal Fineness in thousandths	Actual Fineness	Value per Unit
				cents
Coins of Great Britain	22	916⅔	915½	94.62
Do. France.	21 29/32	900	899	92.92
Do. Spain.	21	875	866	89.51
Do. Mexico.	21	875	866	89.51
Do. Colombia, Mint of Bogota	21	875	870	89.92
Do. Do. Mint of Popayan	21	875	858	88.68
Do. New Grenada, mint of Bogota	21	875	871	90.03
Do. Peru.	21	875	868	89.71
Do. Chili.	21	875	868	89.71
Do. Portugal.	22	916⅔	914	94.46

It is necessary to add that

Silver Coins

		Legal fineness in Thousandths	Actual fineness	Value per ounce
Dollar of Spain (without pillars)		902 5/10	900	1.16.36
Crown of France		916 2/3	909	1.17.52
Five franc piece of do.		900	900	1.16.36
Dollar of Mexico		902 5/10	897	1.15.97
Do. Peru, and the new States of North and South Peru		do.	901	1.16.49
Do. Chile		do.	906	1.17.13
Do. Central America		do.	896	1.15.84
Do. Brazil		~~do.~~	900	1.16.36

Mint of the United States
March 19th 1839.

Sir,

Your communication of the 14th inst has been received, containing enquiries in regard to the Annual Reports on Foreign Coins, and asking for an Account of sundry foreign coins sent here for assay, with fragments pieces taken from the ruins of the Treasury building.

The duty of reporting to the Department the fineness and value of certain foreign coins specified in the Acts of 1806 and 1834, has not been lost sight of; but partly through the difficulty of obtaining later specimens than those already reported on, and partly through the purpose of the Assayers to furnish a more comprehensive & satisfactory statement than the usual one, the duty has been delayed from time to time; and I can only convey the reason of this delay that no report has been made since 1835. — It may be remarked, that part of the coins mentioned, as the Crown of France, and the Spanish Dollar (except the unimportant issues of the Peninsula) have become obsolete; and that the Federal Republic of Colombia has been broken up, so that there is, properly, no longer any Colombian coinage. — I may also advert to my last Annual Report as containing specific information in regard to the gold coins of Great Britain, Portugal and Brazil.

In the meantime, much of the leisure of the Assayers has been occupied in making careful and repeated trials of the weights and

fineness of the coins of all countries, issued within the past century; in carrying forward numerous experiments upon gold and silver bullion; investigating frauds in bullion and coin &c, all which, it is hoped, will be so completed, and put into such a shape, as to be valuable to the public, and creditable to the Institution.

Steps were taken last summer, to account with the Department for the coins and fragments transmitted to the Mint, during the direction of my predecessor. The matter has been postponed, from reasons not worth mentioning; and I am glad that you have drawn my attention to it, so that it may be settled at once. I do not find that any account was taken of the value of the coins, at the time of their receipt; and indeed, this was scarcely practicable, as many of them were new, and could only be determined by the assay. It would seem that the intention was to account for them in Mass, after the objects, for which they were sent, were fulfilled. I have therefore made the best settlement that could be arrived at, and under the circumstances, and am satisfied that a just return is presented in the schedule annexed, herewith presented. The amount will be placed to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States, as of this date, unless you shall otherwise direct.

The accompanying Report on Prussia Coins, is made in accordance with the suggestion in your postscript, and will be found conformable to the requisition of law. — I would take the liberty to suggest that the want of new coins for the annual assay, which has heretofore much embarrassed us, might be obviated by an order of the Department to Consuls or Commercial Agents, resident in European and American nations, to furnish annually, duplicate series of coins of the latest emission. It was by a Circular of the Secretary of the Treasury, under date of August 31st 1833, that the specimens were procured, which are herewith accounted for. The object might equally well be attained, if the Director of the Mint should be authorized by the Department, to make the request of Consuls, to forward such specimens to the Mint; to be charged by them in their accounts as usual, and to be placed to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States here, as soon as their value could be ascertained. This method would only be resorted to in cases where the coins could not be procured at home; and The loss by transpotation and exchange would be very trifling, whilst the advantage would be afforded to the Department, and to the public, through this Institution, of possessing the latest information respecting the metallic currency of foreign countries.

Very respy
Yr
R. M. T.

To
Hon. Levi Woodbury,
Sec. of Treasury.

Treasury Department
March 21. 1839.

Sir

I am in the receipt of your several communications of the 19th. instant.

No objection is seen to the course suggested by you for procuring coins for assay at the Mint and you are, therefore, authorized to request foreign Consuls to forward to this Department such specimens as you may require and which cannot be procured at home - The Consuls will receive credits in their respective accounts here for the Cost of the Coins received.

You will be pleased to cause the value of the coins heretofore transmitted to the Mint $593.70 to be deposited to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States, in Special account, in the Mechanicsburg Bank

I remain very Respy
Your Obed. Servt
Levi Woodbury
Sec. of the Treasury

Dr. R. W. Patterson
Philada

Statement of the ~~proceeds~~ of Sundry Gold and Silver Coins forwarded by the Treasury Department to the Mint of the United States for assay, under a resolution of the House of Representatives, of December 16th 1834; as also a lot of burnt coins taken from the ruins of the Treasury building, and deposited at the Mint.

Gold Coins forwarded for Assay . .	$ 493.72
Do. Do. burnt	4.16
~~Deposits~~ .	497.88
Silver Coins forwarded for Assay . .	$ 75.48
Do. do. burnt	20.34
~~Deposits~~.	95.82
Total of Gold & Silver	$ 593.70

N.B. The copper coins, which have no intrinsic value here, cannot be accounted for, but are placed in the Mint collection, as the property of the Government.

Cambridge March 21 1839

Dear Sir

I received yours informing me that you had forwarded, by mail, an impression of the head of the medal of Count Rumford, in due season; but the impression did not reach me until monday last. It has been examined by several members of the committee and we all consider it as excellent. The resemblance to the real is not very exact but we trust to your own knowledge, and that of others in place of the appearance of the original, for the truth of the likeness. We wish the work to be carried on to the striking of the medals one of gold and one of silver. It will not be necessary to send an impression of the reverse for our examination. I will remit to you at any time such sums as you may advise me are required for the dies

or the medals.

Permit me to renew the expression of my thanks to you for your attention in this business.

With much respect
Your Obedient Servant
Dan'l Treadwell

Treasury Department
March 21. 1839.

Sir

I transmit herewith Recommendations in favor of Thomas D. Murphey for the situation of Chief Coiner at the Mint. The President, as you will observe by his endorsement, wishes to have your report as to the competency of Mr. Murphy to perform the duties of the office.

I remain very Respy.
Your Obed: Servt
Levi Woodbury
Sec. of the Treasury

R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia.

Mint U.S.

March 22d, 1839.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will place your warrant in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint for eighteen thousand dollars: viz.

Under the appropriation of 1838
for Salaries of Officers and Clerks —— 10,000.

Under the appropriation of 1838
for pay of Laborers & contingent expenses 7,000

Under the appropriation of 1839
for Specimens of Ores & Coins —— —— 1,000.

$ 18,000.

R. M. T.
Dir

To Hon. Levi Woodbury,
Sec. of Treasury.

Grand Banks
Oct 22. 1839

Dear Sir,

The Bearer hereof Mr. Van Nest has a Treasury Draft upon you for $20000 belonging to the Bank of the Metropolis, and will be obliged to you to give him a fair proportion of it in Silver Coin,

Yours truly
Wm Lewis

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint,

6000 Half Dollars
14000 Gold

Private

Washington 23 March 1849

My Dear Sir

I received your last letter and spoke to the President upon the subject. He appears however to be desirous to appoint a person from Philadelphia, if one who is competent can be named to him. Yesterday Jno. Howard Sumpter of Massachusetts was here and saw the President. He appeared to be a very intelligent man and in addition to the strong recommendation of many of our friends brought the testimonials of a number of mechanists to his practical skill and knowledge of mechanics and working in metals - a necessary qualification I presume for the place of Chief Clerk. The President however declined expressing any opinion until he [illegible]

Yours

visited his question of his qualifications to you. If that he cannot justify but he appeared to be a person who would soon make a skilful officer in that department. You may be satisfied that the President will not appoint any one who will not.

Very truly Yours
W. D. Lyttelton

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Philadelphia

Treasury Department
27th. March 1839

Sir;

After you left today I saw in the Globe the enclosed article, part of which purports to be extracted from a Newarbury paper & contains facts, that seem to cast imputations on the punctilious & efficiency of the Branch Mint in that City.

I would feel obliged if you will at once make the proper enquiries in relation to the condition of that portion of the Premises and take which may appear necessary every suitable steps, to insure that and the other branches ensure public expectation & punctuate the general concerning to

for as practicable –

You will please to report the result

when ascertained –

Respectfully Yours

Levi Woodbury

D. Bailleron Esq.

Director of the Mint

Phil. –

Mint of the U. S.
March 25. 1839.

Sir,

I wrote to you yesterday, from Washington, to inform you of your appointment as Melter & Refiner of the Mint.

I now send you a copy of the laws regarding this institution, and beg leave to call your attention, in the first instance, to the 6th Section, as that will probably require your ~~attention~~ action in Pittsburg. You will please to get the Bond drawn up by, or under the direction of the District Attorney, and to have his certificate annexed declaring that he believes the ~~sureties~~ bondsmen to be satisfactory. This bond you will bring with you, and present to me.

As to the oath of Office required by the 5th Section, it need not be taken until you arrive here, as the Office will not be vacant until then.

I shall be happy to see you here at as early a day as possible, but do not mean to hasten your movements so as to put you

to any inconvenience, as to your arrangements at Pittsburg. The business of the Mint will go on, as at present, until your arrival.

I will be glad to hear from you on your receipt of this letter.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful Servant,
(Signed) W. M. Patterson,
Director.

To/ Dr. Jonas R. McClintock,
Pittsburg, Penn.

National Bank

To the Assay of
the Mint
Phila.

Sir

I send with this
Box containing Mexican pesos 706.
5 Franc pieces 6.45
Cents 16
$768.61

which it is my wish to have coined into
Dimes, Half Dimes, as soon as you can
conveniently do so. Should any of it may be com
posed of the old pieces of Capt
Daniel Briggs, the Owner of this, if so
I will thank you to have the amt to him
if not be pleased to advise me, when finish
that I may send for them

Yrs. Respy

E. Bowne Cash

Philadelphia, March 29/37

Dear Sir,

Mr. Furst has brought me this morning, both the dies of the Rumford Medal. He shall proceed to harden them in a few days, and lose no time in completing the medals for you.

I have made a small advance of payment ($5.00) to Mr. Furst this morning, and will thank you to send me the balance of the contract price for cutting the dies, viz $300, making with $100 already received, the whole amount.

Mr. Furst wants me to say that your Col. Quincy told him, when he was last in Boston, that there was an intention to have new medals made for the College premiums, and he asks that, if such a design is still entertained, he may be employed to execute it.

Very respectfully Yours

B. W. S.

Dan'l Treadwell Esq.

Treasury of the United States,

30 March 1839.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive One Treasury Draft made payable to your order, together with a descriptive list of the same, combined with a receipt therefor, which you will please to sign and return to this office, by return of mail.

I am, respectfully,

Sir your obedient servant,

John Campbell,

Treasurer of the United States.

R. M. Patterson Esqr

Philadelphia February 26: 1839

Dear Sir

Mr Joseph S. Jones of Southwark by trade a turner has been out of work and now is desirous of obtaining employment in the mint. He has a wife and four children and aids with his brother in law Mr William H. Adams to support three orphan children of a sister in law - one of his own children is blind. He is an honest, industrious man of good character and about 30 years of age, and would make a valuable workman.

Mr Jones is a good and firm democrat, and I am confident from the representations made to me, that if it is in your power to give him a situation, it would be doing an act of great kindness and one that would be gratefully remembered by his family.

I am with great respect

Your ob. Sev.

John. M. Read.

Dr R. Patterson

Director of the Mint

Mr Adams will hand you this, when can you see him?

Your situation must be a laborious one.

Mint of the United States,
Feb 27th, 1839.

Dear Sir,

I remitted you draft on the Grand Bank, and received per it in payment, the small change, such as you desired; for, strange as it may seem, they prefund giving dimes and half dimes, to giving Mexican dollars, stating that they now received more silver change than they paid out. By this course, you see that there is profit by speaking, no merit transacting in the present case, and an act for you only as personal pleasure. The box of coins sent to Boston, per Boston, tomorrow, according to your direction. The charge for box, bags and portage, payable to our Assistant, is $1.62.

Very respectfully
Your Humbly
R. M. Patterson.

To
Hon. Henry Hubbard, &
U. S. Senate.

Mint of the United States.
Feb. 28th, 1839.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 25th ominо is time to stop the shipment of the box of dimes & half dimes for the Connecticut River Bank, which will now be kept for you at the Mint, in compliance with your last instructions.

Your draft for $500 will be paid to us, by the Philadelphia Bank, in Mexican dollars, which will be deposited in your name, for coinage, and their value in dimes and half dimes will be given to you when you call at the Mint on Monday.

With great respect
Your faithful Servant
R. M. P.
D.

Hon. H. Hubbard,
U. S. Senate.

Washington Feb 26th 1839

Robert M. Patterson

Sir

I am interested in the Bonds named in the accompanying letter from my friend Benj Lum - I have taken the deeds which he sent to me and have procured in its stead the enclosed deeds - I have endorsed the same to your order - and I want the wishes of our Cashier should be complied with to me - I shall be in the city of Philadelphia on Monday next - and the boy can bring the 1000 dolls for the Cash

Rem Bank and to be has
containing the change from
the Clearmont Bank I will
take charge of on my arrival
and pay the charges. I hope
the request of Mr Bingham
as stated in his letter to me
will be complied with.

I am, Sir, with much
respect
Your ob't Ser't
Henry Hubbard

Lieut R. M. Patterson

Clearmont Bank.
Feb. 14th, 1839.

Hon. Henry Hubbard,
Dear Sir,

I forward you the above draft
of 500 Dls. on the Globe Bank, to procure for us at the
mint, if practicable, that amount in bonds &
half dimes, half in cash if convenient. If you can
not take charge of the bop yourself, with perfect confidence
you will direct to the care of James Read & Co. or otherwise,
as you may think proper. — Mr. Bartlett has paid
125 Dls. which is indorsed on your note June 21, 1838.

Very respectfully
Your obed't Serv't
Jabez Bingham
Cash'r

Mint of the United States,
February 25th, 1839.

Gents,

Your letter of the 20th inst. has just been received, and I have to inform you, that the planchets shipped by the Sulla have not yet come to hand. When they do, your instructions will be immediately attended to.

Very respectfully
Your Obdt Servt.

To
Messrs. Crocker & Brewster
Taunton, Mass.

Mint of the U. States,
Febuary 25th, 1839.

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 22d, I have to state that you can receive the return at the Mint, for your Peruvian dollars, as soon as they can have their value ascertained by the Assayer, which will not be later than two or three days after their delivery here. The value of 5000 Peruvian dollars will probably be $5050, if they are not much worn.

Very respectfully
Your faithful servt.
R. M. P.

To
T. B. Rutter Esq.
Cash. Farmers & Planters Bk
Baltimore.

U.S. Branch Mint New Orleans Feb. 25th 1837

Dear Sir

I wrote you on the 12th ultimo enclosing a check drawn to your order on the Girard Bank for three hundred dolls for the payment of some bills, and not hearing heard from you respecting the check, I now send you the Duplicate which you will oblige me by paying out in the following manner — To Wm Eastfield the amount of a due bill which he holds, one hundred and fifty dollars, with interest and my sincere thanks for his kindness — One hundred and twenty five dollars with interest to Mrs E. Cooper for a due bill of that amount held by her, and the ballance to Mr A.D. Baldwin for some little expenses which he has had the kindness to incure on my account

I likewise wrote to you informally on the 26th ultimo a statement of proceedings &c. in the management of this establishment and not having received any reply I conclude that that letter also failed to reach you

As only 4 pairs of dies viz. 2 pair of Dimes and 2 pair of ½ Dimes were sent last, permit me to request you forward more of the same as early as practicable — There is a great demand for these denominations of coin and we are averaging more than 25,000 pieces per day and soon will be able to go on 30,000 You will perceive therefore that to save us from the risk of being delayed as will also enable me to economize time and labour by keeping several pairs always ready for immediate use we ought to be well supplied with these ~~dies~~ dies — I mentioned in both of my former letters that the half dollar dies sent us last year are ~~unsuitable~~ unsuitable for present use for besides being out of date the bottom ones are too short to reach the screws and consequently cannot be secured in the seat-

I have however pieced one of them in order to try the Press and succeeded in making ten excellent impressions, the very first one struck, being as perfect as the dies, and entirely satisfactory, but the piece upon the bottom of the die became loose and I was unable to strike any more without further ~~perform~~ fixing — We are in daily expectation of hearing from you that more of the 50 dollar dies are on their way —

Mr Stafford is still here waiting to hear from you and I assure you it would be very gratifying to me to see him reinstated, and I doubt not the Treasurer of the Mint would be equally pleased, if he could be so far disenthralled as to dare to entertain an opinion

I have a large stock of half dollar planchets waiting for dies and the press ready for trial, and I beg leave again to urge the importance to me and to institution, to have a generous supply of dies — I mentioned in one of my former letters that with some of the Quarter Eagle dies I could work off the small stock of Gold Bullion (which has been some of it a long time in hand) in the small press before the ~~middle~~ large press can be got ready for use

Little Pattison began to walk (alone) a step or two when he was nine months old and now he can achieve a dozen steps at a heat so that by the time he is ten months old we expect to see him walking all about by himself

Very respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

Robert Tyler

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the U. States Mint
Phila.

N.B. We have nobody here to weigh until 9 O'Clock in the morning
(Confidential)

Mint of the United States,
Feb. 23. 1839.

Dear Sir,

I received, last evening, a letter from home, by which I learn that My father, who has been gradually failing in health for some months, is very near his end. It is the opinion of his physician that a few days only are left to him. His only earthly desire seems to be, once more to see his absent children. In such circumstances, I cannot be doubtful of my duty.

It is in this view that I now ask leave of absence for the shortest possible time. I feel that I must leave it to circumstances to fix the limit.

Yours most respectfully,
Geo. F. Dunning.

To
Dr. R. M. Patterson,
Director of the Mint.

Mint of the United States
Oct. 14. 1839.

Sir,

I do not know that any notice has been taken, by your Committee of Finance, of the remarks in the concluding paragraph of my annual report to the President, dated Jan. 15th last. They recommend the repeal of the act of June 28th, 1834, making certain foreign gold coins a legal tender. If you do not think it now too late in the session to act upon this matter, I would respectfully invite your attention to it. The question appears to me to be a very plain one, of clear justice and expediency; and it is certainly one which has a sensible effect upon the operations of the Mint.

Most respectfully,
Your faithful servant,

R. M. Patterson,
Director

To
Hon. Silas Wright, Jr.
U. S. Senate.

Washington, Feb. 12. 1839.

Dear Sir,

I duly received your favor of the 4th, and will only say in reply, that I will do what may be in my power to accomplish your wishes. Excuse brevity. I am extremely tired of writing, having been at it all day.

Yr. very truly

John Sergeant.

Doctor B. M. Patterson.

Treasury Department
9th Feby. 1837

Sir,

It is expected, that during the next thirty days the
drafts on the Treasury will be very large -

You therefore, desirous of knowing the full extent
to which I can, if necessary, draw on the Mint without
creating serious inconvenience.

I shall, meanwhile understanding,
draw as little as possible - & perhaps in less than,
I hope, what is mentioned -

Respectfully Yours
Levi Woodbury
Sec. of Tsy.

Dr. Patterson Director of the Mint.

Washington
Feb. 8th 1839

Dear Sir,

According to your request I have ordered as many of your reports as could be spared, to be forwarded to you. I assure you Sir, that I put a high estimate on your expressions of regard & friendship. I shall ever remember with pleasure & gratitude, the kind attentions of yourself & Mrs Patterson to myself & Mrs Gouverneur while at the University. Be pleased to present my most respectful regards to Mrs Patterson & believe me to be

Very Sincerely
Your Friend
F. A. Gallatin

Mint U.S.
Feb. 8th 1859.

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 5th inst. respecting the 29 bags of copper planchets sent by the Bay State, ~~from Boston~~ I have to state that they have not yet come to hand; ~~but that~~ when they do so, they will be received on the terms of our last arrangement, — that is to be paid for in cents.

R. M. P.
D.

Messrs. Crocker, Burr & Co.
Taunton, Mass

Philad.a Feb. 4. 1839.

Dear Sir,

I have just received your letter of the 1st, respecting the new Branch Mint Bill. You have found, from my letter of the same date, that I had heard that this bill had gone to the House, and that I had anticipated your question as to the propriety of delivering my letter to Mr. Cambreleng.

I thank you sincerely for your kind attention in this matter.

Most respectfully,

& faithfully yours,

Signed R. M. Patterson.

To

Hon. James Buchanan,

U. S. Senate.

Phila.da Feby 5. 1839.

My dear Sir/

a friend of mine has earnestly requested me to transmit to you the enclosed metallic button and obtain the assay of an analysis. It results from about half a pound of auriferous sand after the gold has been extracted by the process in ordinary use. there is however little doubt that some gold remains and if it be even one grain the information is important. I beg you to excuse the trouble I impose. The cost attending the analysis you will oblige me by stating and it shall be immediately remitted.

Allow me to be, Dear Sir

Very truly Yrs

Benj.n Silliman

Prof.

Doct Robt. M. Patterson

Assay Feb. 22d

Sulphuret of iron with 1 3/5 thousandths of gold.

Washington Feb 7th 1839

Dear Sir

I have received a letter from one Cashier requesting me to obtain for him at the Mint in change to the amount of $1000 — Mr Wood. having suggested to me that by obtaining a Draft on Philadelphia and endorsing the same to you I might thereby procure the Specie, and in exchange for that I could undoubtedly be furnished with the change I wanted at the Mint — I have this day paid to Mr Thomas a draft on Boston for $1000 —

and have received from him a draft on Philadelphia for a like amount - This I have endorse - and I request that you must obliged if Mr Eckfeldt or some other officer at the Mint would pass for me $100. in change in quarters - dimes and half dimes in equal parts - and if a receipt or packet going to Boston should be about to sail - I wish You Bent to put on board - and direct to the care of Messrs Jas. Read & Co. Merchants Rue Geo - Olcott Esq Charlestown Boston Nr 74.

If no such opportunity presents - if You have time be in readiness for me on my return I will call at the Mint for it - pay the charges and take it — if it should be sent by a packet - I will in that event call & pay all charges -

If I can be accommodated I should like to receive a letter to that effect as soon as may be convenient to yourself

I am Sir with great respect Your Ob[t] Serv[t]

Wm. Barbour

Genl. Patterson
Director of the Mint &c

Washington 7 Feb. 1853

Dear Sir,

Mr. Buchanan sent me your letter to him and I have your at the same time.

The only amendment we proposed to the bill was to ~~~~ have any increase in the number of persons employed made "with the approbation of the President."

The question as to the franking privilege belongs to the Comm. on Post offices and Post roads to which I will refer it —

We made no appropriation for the purchase of the lot referred to having at an early ~~~~ period determined to make no provision for new objects at this ~~sess~~ session.

Very respectly
Yr. ob. S:
C C Cambreleng

Wm R. M. Patterson

Mint of the United States,
Feb. 6. 1839.

Sir,

The amount of gold remaining uncoined at the Mint, on the 31st December last, as adjusted to that date, was —— —— —— $15,331.

Deposits in January:

U. S. Bullion —	$7,254.	
Foreign Do — — —	372.	
Do Coins — —	3,548.	
U. S. Do. (old Stand?)	589.	11,763.
		$27,094.

No Coinage of gold in January.

Remaining uncoined Jan. 31. 1839, $27,094.

Very respy,
Yr. faithfl. servt,

R. M. Patterson
Director.

To
Hon. Levi Woodbury,
Sec. of Treasy.

Bank of Commerce Feb 1. 1849

Dear Sir

I have received your favor of the 3d but am sorry to inform you in reply that we have not at present any bullion or any considerable amount of foreign Coin that we want Converted into American Coin — Mexican Dollars Command a premium of 1¼ per Ct the Banks not therefore prone them at this time for Exchange — If you should think proper to employ this Bank to procure & furnish bullion for Coinage as on former occasion, we shall be happy to undertake the business, and I do not doubt but that we shall be enabled to meet your wishes Concerning it — I remain with great respect

Very truly yours

Jas Nesbolle Wis

R. M. Patterson Esq

Director Mint

Philad

Mint of the United States,
Philad^{a}. Oct. 6. 1859.

Sir,

I take the liberty of reminding you, that the annual assay at the Mint, for which you are a Commissioner, will commence on Monday Morning next, at 9½ o'clock. It may be proper to mention that, as you may be detained for some time, dinner will be provided at the Mint.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful Servant

To
Hartman Kuhn, Esq.
Prof. Henry Vethake.
A. D. Bache, Esq.
Geo. Wolf, Esq.

Mint of the United States,
Phil. Feb. 6 1839.

Sir,

I have the honor to request your attendance, at the Mint, on Monday next, the 18th inst, at 9½ o'clock in the morning, as a commissioner, under the law, for the Annual Assay.

As you may be detained for some hours, it may be proper to mention that dinner will be provided at the Mint.

Very respectfully,
Yr. faithful Servant

R. M. P.
Dir.

To
Hon. Joseph Hopkinson,
John M. Read, Esq.

New York Dec 6th 1839

R. M. Patterson Esqr
Director of the U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Dear Sir We have your favor of 5th instant informing us that the assayers of the Mint have assayed a Bag of Counterfeit Dollars, left at the Mint by Mr. N. Berthoud for an account that the mint value is ascertained to be $114.13 which is held Subject to our order

Pleased to accept our thanks for this communication. We shall transmit our order for the amount to J. Trotter Esqr Cashr Bank of Pennsylvania We are very Respectfully Your most Obt Servts

Peter Harmony & Co

Mint U.S.
Feb. 5th, 1839

Dear Sir,

We shall soon, I fear as I can now see, be at comparative leisure at the mint. Have you any bullion or foreign coins that you want converted into American money, and, if so, when will can you send us a supply?

R. M. P.

To
George Newbold, Esq.
Pres't Bank of America
New York.

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia, Feb. 16th, 1839

Dear Sir,

Mr. Buchanan ~~has probably~~ will
handed you a letter which I wrote to
him while I supposed the new Branch
Mint Bill was before the Senate. It
will explain my views as to this matter,
and I hope ~~it~~ you may find them
worthy of your attention. As to the
silver coinage at what we commonly call
the Gold Mints, I would not advise any
interference with that provision in this
stage of the business; but I do sincerely
think that an Amendment enacting "that
the Director of the Mint shall hereafter
send & receive and send letters and pack-
ages free of postage," is of great im-
portance for the proper discharge of ~~my~~
his functions, ~~as such a~~ privilege is
already granted to all Officers of corre-
sponding rank in the Treasury Depart-
ment.

I find, from the ~~report in the~~ Globe,
that your Committee has reported
the supplemental Branch Mint Bill,
~~with~~ an amendment. May I ask

Upon the passage and on a copy of the bill as you have reported it.

May I also ask if your Committee has reported in favor of the appropriation of $30,000, for the purchase of a lot adjoining this State, and for improvements thereon.

I am most respectfully
your faithful servant
R. M. T.

To
Hon. C. C. Cambreleng.

Philadelphia January 30 th. 1837

Dear Sir.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the communication from the Secretary of the Treasury inclosed in yours of the 28th. inst. It will give me pleasure to attend to the duty of examining at the next annual assay at the mint & I shall not fail to be present on the day which you name.

Please receive my thanks for the very kind terms of your letter

Very respectfully & truly Yours

R. D. Parker

To

R. M. Patterson Esq.

Director of the Mint.

Mint U. S.
Jan. 30. 1839.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 25 inst. was received by me this morning, and with it the draft for $100 which repays me for the advance made to Mr. Pandt for his work on the dies for the Rumford medal.

The legend for the reverse, as given in your letter, is, in my opinion unexceptionable, & I will take care to have it neatly executed.

It gives me great pleasure to serve the Academy in this matter, as I have been hitherto a most unprofitable member.

With great regard
Your faithful Servt.
Signed W. M. Patterson.

To
Dan'l Treadwell, Esq.
Cambridge
Mass.

Mint of the United States,
Jan. 28. 1839.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit to you, the enclosed communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, stating that you have been appointed, by the President of the United States, one of the Commissioners to attend the next annual Assay, at the Mint.

I pray you to inform me whether, (as I sincerely hope,) it will suit your convenience to accept this appointment; and, in that event, I have respectfully to request your attendance at the Mint, on Monday, the 18th ~~inst.~~ proximo, at half past nine, in the morning.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful Servant,
Signed R. M. Patterson
Director

To/
Alexander D. Bache, Esq.
Hartman Kuhn Esq.
Prof. Henry Detharke.

Treasury Department
Jan: 25. 1839.

Sir,

The President has directed three Commissioners to be appointed, in addition to the Judge and District Attorney of the US States for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and the Collector of the Port of Philadelphia, for the purposes mentioned in the 33rd Sect. of the Act of Congress of 18th Jan. 1837 entitled "An Act supplementary to the Act entitled "An Act establishing a Mint, and regulating the Coins of the US States", and I herewith transmit their Letters of appointment with a request, that you will cause them to be delivered to the gentlemen appointed.

I remain very Respy
Your Obed. Sert
Levi Woodbury
Sec. of the Treasury

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philada

(Private.)

Mint U.S.A.
Jan. 22nd 1859.

Sir,

I send herewith an official letter asking for the appointment of the Additional Commissioners for the Annual Assay. The number ~~Twenty~~ conveniently around three, and I will take the liberty of suggesting, most respectfully, the ~~following~~ names.

Spartacus Stuber Esq., Prof. Henry Vethake, and Alexander Dallas Bache, Esq.

~~On the first named~~

The reputation of these gentlemen is too high to make it necessary for me to say any thing in their commendation. The two first are, as you know, avowed ~~friends~~ advocates of the great measure of the Administration touching the debt is also a member of ~~the~~ the democratic party, though his position withdraws him from ~~active politics~~ politics.

I am Dear Sir Very Truly

~~Your Friend~~

R. M. P.

Mint U.S.
Jan. 23d, 1839.

Sir,

At the Usual Assay is to be made at the Mint on the 11th instant of next month; I have the honor, request that you will ask the attention of the President of the United States to the appointment of the additional Commissioners provided for in the 32d Sect. of the Act of Jan 18th, 1837.

R. M. P.

To Hon. Levi Woodbury,
Sec. of Treasury.

Mint of the United States.
Jan. 21st, 1839.

Sir,

In your letter of the 24th ult., you ask me to furnish you, as soon after the expiration of the year as practicable, ~~the~~ with all the information in my possession necessary to enable you to furnish to the Senate, in compliance with their resolution of the 20th of December last, a statement showing — "The amount of gold coined at the Mint and its Branches, since the Gold Bill of 1834 took effect, distinguishing the bullion from which the same was coined, so as to show how much was coined from foreign gold, how much from United States coins of the former standard, and how much from gold of the United States Mines."

In obedience to your instructions, I have ~~now~~ the honor of submitting to you the ~~Enclosed~~ Statement which will be found to comprise all the information asked of me. It is proper

to mention that although the coinage under the Gold Bill of 1834 did not cease till the 1st of August, it was suspended on all the gold deposits made after the 1st of June, and these are accordingly included in the Cable Statement.

I am, Sir, with great respect,
your faithful Servant,
R. M. Patterson,
Director.

To
Hon. Levi Woodbury
Secretary of the Treasury.

Mint U.S.
Jan 21st 1839.

Dear Sir

Yrs comes to yours letter of the 19th, I have to state that coins can be given at the Mint only in return for freight coins or bullions delivered at the Mint; so that, to attain your object, it will be necessary for you to employ some agent here. If you do so, it will give us pleasure to permit the change for which you ask.

R. M. P.
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To
Wm Maenscher, Esq
Cash. Bristol Co. Bank
Taunton, Mass

Mint of the United States,
January 19. 1839.

Dear Sir,

On the 28th of December Mr. First signed a contract for executing the dies for the Rumford Medal, for the price of $400, and he has just told me that he is advancing rapidly with the head die. The contract does not include the preparing, turning, hardening &c. of the dies, or the collar used in striking – for all which there will be an additional charge of $50.

As Mr. First has the usual improvidence of artists, I have been obliged to advance to him to day, $100 on account; but you need not put yourselves to any inconvenience to pay me. I only wish you to be careful to make no payments, on this account, except through me.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful ~~servant~~
(Signed) R. M. Patterson.
~~Director~~

To)
Dan'l Treadwell, Esq'r,
Cambridge, Mass.

Philadelphia, Jan.y 19th, 1839

To/ Robt. M. Patterson, Director of the Mint.

Sir,

You will please to pay to Adam Eckfeldt or Order, One Hundred Dollars, from the money which will become due to me under my contract with you of the 25th. day of December last, for executing the Rumford Medal for the Academy of Arts & Sciences at Boston.

Horatio Hurst

$100.

Rec.d, Jan 30th, 1839, of Dr. R. M. Patterson, One hundred dollars, the amount of the above order.

Adam Eckfeldt

$100.

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director

Dr Sir

Will it be agreeable to you to receive a Check on the Bank of Pennsylvania, and to furnish me Change in 1/4s Dimes & Half Dimes when I am fund for them by Packet. Say please.

Butler County Bank
Taunton January 17th 1839

Respectfully
Your Ob Servt
Wm Auerbach
Cash

Phil.a January 15th 1837

To Dr. R. M. Patterson, Isaac Ehrfeldt, Esqr and, Franklin Peale, Esqr.

Gentlemen;

Influenced by the most sincerity of respectful feeling & respect towards you individually as well as officially, we are constrained to take this method of asking an increase to our monthly wages, we are men of families and entirely dependant upon our earnings for their support, and from the present exorbitant prices of the means of living, after exercising the strictest economy our present means are insufficient for our necessary expences. Should you be pleased to grant this our request by adding what may appear in your judgement sufficient to meet the present pressing times, we shall be truly thankful.

Aaron Carden
Jacob Eldridge
Wm Brandon
Johne Richard
Wm Hansel
George Dixon
Martin Summers
John Bimbaum

with Sentiments of Respect.—
we are Sir your
Obedient Servants
James Noble
James Burrows
John H. Bunney
William Long
H. Smith

Bank of Ottawa

Newark Jan 14. 1839

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint

Dear Sir

I am in receipt of your favor of 12th Instant advising of the transmission of Three kegs of Specie which have been received. I now enclose my Check on the Girard Bank for $ 7.50/100 for expenses thereon.

Very respectfully
Yours &c
D. Thompson
Cash

U S B[illegible] Mint New Orleans
[illegible]uary 4th 1839.

Sir

I have to State in answer to your letter of the 19th ultto that there have been deposited for Coinage in this B. Mint to [illegible] thousand one hundred and eighty two 952/1000 Ounces of Standard Gold Bullion [illegible] and two hundred and three thousand six hundred and eighty eight 22/100 ounces Standard Silver Bullion (203,688.22 oz); that there ha[illegible] struck and delivered to the Treasurer four hundred and fo[illegible] thousand four hundred and thirty four Dime Coins ($40. The Coiner has only within a few days since struck some h[illegible] dimes but has not yet delivered any of them to the Treasurer. We Received the first deposit in this B. Mint on the 8th day of March last and Commenced the operations of Melting and Refining and Assaying the next day. On the 29th of June the Coiner made his first delivery of Coins to the treasurer Consisting of 30,000 dimes. The operations in this B. Mint were interrupted on the 1st day of August last and resumed the last of November and on the 28th and 29th of December the Coiner delivered to the Treasurer 35,000 Dimes.

In Answer to your letter of the 7th ultto I have to inform you that I called on Mr. Gordon and informed him of the demand of Messrs Biale & Greene, Proprietors of the Boston Morning Post. He told me he had paid it and forwarded the only Voucher he had taken to the Treasury Department. He shewed me the Copy of his account in which it was set forth as the second item to his Credit